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THE CAFE PARISIEN FAILURE.

M. DURAND IS PUBLICLY EXAMINED.

REMARKABLE LIST OF BUSINESS VENTURES.

HUGE LOSSES ADMITTED.

Financial losses totalling over \$200,000 in ventures with which he was concerned with Madame Flint, were admitted by Monsieur J. L. Durand in the Bankruptcy Court this morning before Sir Henry Gollan, when the Official Receiver (Mr. E. L. Agassiz) conducted the public examination, following on the failure of the Cafe Parisien. M. Durand endeavoured to make allegations against certain persons concerned in the bankruptcy, but was prevented by Sir Henry Gollan.

That he was the only man who understood the machinery was admitted by M. Durand in connexion with an asset which he valued at \$16,000 and the Official Receiver at \$145.

Madame Flint admitted receiving considerable sums from the late Mrs. M. J. D. Stephens.

BIG SUMS FROM MRS. STEPHENS.

There was one Chinese creditor present, Chan Po-fai, who appeared for a comrade, but a considerable number of other Chinese were also in court.

During his examination, M. Durand indulged in several involved and lengthy explanations, and was reproved by his Lordship several times for not answering questions properly. At one stage M. Durand commenced to make charges against certain people, but his Lordship intervened saying it was very easy to bring charges against anybody, but it was also very dangerous.

In reply to Mr. E. L. Agassiz, the Official Receiver, M. Durand said he was a French subject and had been in Hongkong for five years. Previous to coming to Hongkong he had carried on business in Saigon, being employed by a firm as chief of the metal department. Before leaving Saigon he came to an arrangement with his creditors. His liabilities were then \$17,000 and his assets \$13,000, so his creditors took his assets.

When he first came to Hongkong he was employed in the French department of Messrs. Britto and Co., the import and export firm, when he received 40 per cent. on the business. He introduced. When he had been with them for a few months they went into liquidation. He then joined Messrs. Lee Pak and Co., and after being with them for exactly six months they also went into liquidation.

Europe Asia Company.

After that he commenced business on his own as the Europe Asia Trading Company, taking an office in the Hongkong Hotel building. He was the sole proprietor. In this business he invested all his savings amounting to \$2,000 or \$3,000. The business was buying and selling of the Michelin Tyre Co., but that agency had now been given to a Chinese firm, because he could not guarantee a sufficiently big turnover. In that business there was no question of commission. He made enough money to pay his own expenses. In May 1924 a certain partnership arrangement was made between himself and Madame Flint.

Mr. Agassiz:—There was an original agreement under which you were to be admitted as a partner in Madame Flint's dress-making business, which she had carried on for a very long time, and profit were to be divided between you, she taking 5/6th and you 1/6th?—Yes.

The only thing you put into that business was the Europe Asia Trading Company's business, which was only sufficient to keep yourself and pay expenses?—Yes.

She had an old established dressmaking business which she had carried on for 25 years?—Not so much as 25 years. Maybe about 12 or 15 years.

The goodwill of that business was of very considerable value at that time?—It was about \$20,000 at that time. The value of the business was not so good if Madame was not there.

Madame Flint was a considerable asset to the firm?—Yes.

How long did you carry on under this agreement?—About one and a half years.

Equal Partnership.

The agreement was not varied until another agreement of July 12, 1926, under which the partnership became equal and you to have an equal share?—Yes.

Why was that arrangement made?—At the time Madame Flint wanted to go home and I was going to take the responsibility for everything.

That was the only reason for altering it?—Yes.

Did Madame Flint go home?—No. She did not go account of the trouble in Shanghai.

When you first went into partnership with Madame Flint, where was her business being carried on?—In Queen's Road.

You subsequently moved into China Building?—Yes, on the first floor.

You then moved, again to No. 12 Pedder Buildings?—Yes, and that cost about \$20,000.

What was the reason for moving to Pedder Street?—The reason was because we wanted to be down stairs and have a show room there, instead of being on the first floor. The rent in China Building was about \$1,700, and you went into another building where the rent was \$3,200—nearly double?—We started other businesses on these premises. We had five businesses altogether.

The premises in Pedder Building were very much too big for you?—At that time, yes.

Reason for Cafe.

The reason why you opened the cafe was because you had taken premises which were too big for you, which you could not sub-let owing to the trouble at the time, so that you were more or less compelled to open this cafe?—Yes.

When was the cafe opened?—On July 4, 1926.

And the Beauty Parlour?—At nearly the same time.

M. Durand went on to say that they also had Au Chic Parisien and the Europe Asia Trading Co. The Trading Co. had done no business since the strike.

You had a grocery shop at No. 11 Ice House Street?—Yes, we went to considerable expense.

M. Durand continued that they had had big help from Mrs. M. J. D. Stephens, who made them gifts of so much money that they could proceed.

1927, you and Madame Flint had altogether from Mrs. Stephens a sum of approximately \$166,000?—Yes.

A considerable amount of that, about \$58,000, was advanced before the cafe was opened?—Might be.

His Lordship:—Was it advanced on account of the cafe?

Mr. Agassiz:—According to the particulars I have here it was advanced previously.

His Lordship (to M. Durand):—Was it advanced in connexion with the cafe?—It was in connexion with the opening of the cafe. We invested about \$58,000 in the cafe.

THE CHINA WAR.

NANKING CAMPAIGN DEVELOPS.

MORE CHEFOO TENSION.

Shanghai, Oct. 31. The Military Council at Nanking has ordered the forces operating against Wuhan to enter Hupeh from three different points. The right flank will take orders from Generals Chen Chien and Chu Pu-teh, while the left flank will be under the command of General Li Chung-yen, leaving the central advance to the naval force, which will proceed along the river.

General Li Tiek-ping, who is moving against Hankow in co-operation with Nanking, to attack General Tang Seng-chi, has established military offices at Nanking, in order to be able to communicate readily with the Government there.

It is reported that the Second Army, under General Li, has come into conflict with the Sixteenth Army Corps, under General Li Sin, at Ichang.

General Ho Chien, of the Wuhan faction, has reported his arrival at Wuyang, and is said to be concentrating his troops there. General Li Hsing, who controls the Thirty-Sixth Army, is concentrating his forces at Wusueh.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Crossing to Pukow.

Nanking, Oct. 28. Over 2,000 troops crossed from here to Pukow to-day.

There is further troop concentration at Wusueh.—*Naval Wireless.*

Ichang, Oct. 28. Troops are concentrating here and also at Shansi.—*Naval Wireless.*

CHEFOO SALT FUNDS.

Controversy Continues.

Chefoo, Oct. 30. The Chinese authorities in control here have not yet given up hope of getting the \$60,000 salt surplus from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

The controversy still exists, and the latest news in connexion with the affair is that Admiral Shen, who seeks the funds to pay the Navy, has gone to Peking to discuss the matter with the Chief Inspector.—*Naval Wireless.*

ON THE YANGTSE.

Much Troop Activity.

Shanghai, Oct. 30. An improvement is noticeable in the British American Tobacco Company's strike.

It is reported here that General Chu Pei-teh is now endeavouring to keep Kaingsi out of the war.

On the Yangtze considerable troop movement continues.

Concentrations have been effected at Nanking and Chinkiang and many troops are crossing the river.—*Naval Wireless.*

YANG SEN MOVES.

Going to Ichang.

Ichang, Oct. 30. It is reported that General Yang Sen will arrive here to-morrow.—*Naval Wireless.*

FRENCH AT HANKOW.

Garrison Increased.

Hankow, Oct. 30. The immediate political future of Hankow is becoming increasingly obscure. Up to the present, General Tang Seng-chi is still hanging on, but it is believed that he has made every preparation to evacuate when necessary.

Two hundred French Colonial troops are among recent arrivals, and they will reinforce the garrison of the French Concession.—*Naval Wireless.*

R. A. F. FLYING BOATS

IN EGYPT.

London, Oct. 30. The four Royal Air Force Supermarine Napier seaplanes, on their Far Eastern tour, reached Egypt yesterday.—*British Wireless.*

MYSTERIOUS CRAFT HAILS SHIP.

BELIEVED TO BE ATTEMPT AT PIRACY.

SHING ON'S ADVENTURE

News was received in the Colony this morning of another attempt to pirate the s.s. Shing On, on the Wuchow run, on Saturday.

The first news was given by the s.s. Kochoh on arrival here, and Captain Morgan, himself the victim of a recent piratical attack, gave details of this latest attempt.

The Shing On left Hongkong for Wuchow on Saturday morning with a fair passenger list and a full cargo for West River ports.

When approaching the First Bar, passing vessels heard shots fired, but owing to the high wind, it was thought that these were not heard by the Shing On. Some few minutes later a junk came from the bank, and approached the Shing On astern, and a call was made for the vessel to stop.

It was thought by those on board that a number of passengers were desirous of disembarking, and the ship was accordingly heaved to.

SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

Chinese Soldier Shot By Accident.

Shanghai, Oct. 31. A member of the Shanghai Defence Force accidentally shot a Chinese soldier at a boundary post, during a friendly comparison of their rifles.

A crowd assembled and grew restive, but a graver incident was averted by tactfulness on both sides.—*Our own correspondent.*

THE TRAGEDY OF THE MAFALDA.

SURVIVORS HELPLESS WITH FRIGHT.

London, Oct. 30.

A dramatic account of the sinking of the Italian liner Principessa Mafalda is contained in wireless messages from Captain Cooper, the commander of the Empire Star, which reached the London offices of the Blue Star Line yesterday.

The messages, which have been delayed in transmission, state that when the Empire Star arrived at the scene of the disaster, there were no outward signs of distress but all the boats were being lowered. Two were overloaded and capsized, and several were swamped.

The Empire Star and Alhena began rescuing the survivors, but had difficulty in keeping position owing to the people in the water.

The Captain added, "At nine forty p.m. the Mafalda capsized suddenly. The survivors were helpless with fright, and I was unable to gather information, but understand that the shaft broke, smashing the engine and flooding the engine-room."—*British Wireless.*

MAKING FLYING SAFER.

AUTOMATIC STABILITY.

London, Oct. 30.

A New Handley-Page wind slot device is being investigated by the Imperial Airways, with a view to its being fitted to their entire fleet of air liners.

It is understood that the Air Ministry intend to test its adaptability to all types of service, with a fair hope that it will be found suitable for widespread adoption.

It is regarded by many air experts as the most important development in aircraft design for many years.

The device automatically adjusts the stability of an aeroplane even when it loses its flying speed.—*British Wireless.*

SHOTS IN ATHENS.

GREEK PRESIDENT WOUNDED.

DEAF MUTE'S REVENGE.

Athens, Oct. 30.

A man in the street fired at President Condouriotis. The latter was uninjured, and his assailant was arrested.

President Condouriotis was entering his car after opening a congress of mayors. The bullet struck the windscreen of the car, showering glass splinters on the President, who otherwise was uninjured, but the bullet injured a bystander. Crowds attempted to lynch the assailant before his arrest.

Sent to Hospital.

President Condouriotis suffered cuts, and was bandaged in hospital. It was found that the bullet actually grazed his forehead, after striking the windscreen. The President's mental lucidity was unimpaired.

The assailant's identity is not disclosed, but he is described as a young Communist and fanatic.

Later.

The assailant is named Goussios, and is aged 30. He is apparently a deaf mute. He made a statement that he had been long unemployed, and had not received any state assistance, so sought to avenge himself by killing the President.

Bone Splintered.

A medical bulletin states that President Condouriotis was wounded in the right temple, and the bone was splintered. The President bore a slight operation very well, and his condition is satisfactory. He was able to return home.

Goussios is a native of Larissa, and a waiter. He suffers from an impediment in his speech. The police state that his luggage contained Communist literature.—*Reuter.*

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MUCH DAMAGE BY GALE IN BRITAIN.

AT LEAST TWENTY LIVES LOST.

A RAGING WIND.

London, Oct. 30.

Further messages, delayed through the wires being blown down, emphasise the fierce nature of the gale which swept the British Isles on Friday night. It is estimated that twenty lives were lost in different parts of the country.

Lancashire experienced the full impact. At Lancaster, a tidal wave swept over the banks of the river Lune, and flooded a hospital, drowning three patients despite the courageous efforts of the nursing staff, who saved sixteen.

At Fleetwood, a fishing port on the Lancashire coast, a gale blowing at 80 miles an hour broke down the sea defences, and the water rushed in torrents down the streets, imprisoning many people in their homes. Four bodies have been recovered.

At Blackpool, four watercooling towers, 250 feet high, were torn down at the power station, the adjoining area was flooded, and the town was deprived of electric current for several hours.

From all parts of the coast, heavy seas and damage to piers and shipping are reported.

The crew of a Scarborough motor fishing-boat, believed to have been lost, were towed to port late last night, with the craft damaged after having been blown 30 miles before the gale.—*British Wireless.*

Over 60 Deaths.

Later.

Over sixty deaths occurred all over the country in the week-end gale, including 38 fishermen drowned at Galway. Half a million sterling of damage was done.—*Reuter.*

SHIPPING COMPANY'S RETALIATION.

SOVIET VESSEL SEIZED IN EGYPT.

Cairo, Oct. 30.

According to the newspaper *Al Ahram*, the Russian steamer Chicherin was seized while leaving Alexandria for Odessa, with \$90,000 worth of cotton recently purchased by Soviet representatives in Egypt.

The newspaper adds that the Egyptian Government is unaware of the seizure, which was ordered by the Mixed Court at the request of the Societe Maritime Egyptienne, the owners of the s.s. Inkerman, which was seized by the Soviet early in September.—*Reuter.*

RAILWAY DISASTER IN ITALY.

MARS THE FASCIST ANNIVERSARY.

Rome, Oct. 30.

The fifth anniversary of the Fascist march to Rome was celebrated all over Italy, including a great review of the forces by Mussolini at Rome, but the ceremonies were suspended as a sign of mourning owing to a railway disaster in which six were killed and 30 seriously injured, in a collision between an express and a slow train on the Barilo-Cortina line.—*Reuter.*

MOSCOW EXECUTIONS.

SONS OF A FORMER MILLIONAIRE.

Moscow, Oct. 30.

The brothers Prové, who have been executed as spies, by order of the Soviet Government, after a trial, are described as sons of a former well-known Moscow millionaire, and the other man executed, Korepanov, is a former legal adviser to the administration of the revolutionary war council.—*Reuter.*

ANHUI OUTLOOK.

NATIONALIST RUSE EXPLAINED.

A SOVIET THAT FAILED.

Chengyangkuan, An, Oct. 10.

The civil war appears to have reached a deadlock. The Northern army is holding Pengpu, apparently undisturbed, and the coast mails are reaching us daily, though slowly, by way of Tsingtao, Tsinanfu, and Pengpu; letters and a limited number of periodicals, but no parcels. But the belated mail of months is still held up somewhere, presumably at Nanking or Pukow. On June 29 we received nine copies of a certain Canadian weekly in a bunch, much belated, but of that periodical we have received only two or three odd copies since. Parcels of books dispatched from Shanghai many weeks ago have not reached us. We have received consecutive Shanghai papers from August 6 to September 10.

The story of Sun Chuan-fang's defeat at Pukow, told here is to the effect that a number of men were sent over from Nanking who represented themselves as being members of the Nanking Chamber of Commerce, and who informed Marshal Sun and staff that the Nationalist soldiers had withdrawn from Nanking. The Northerners were accordingly invited to cross over and occupy the city, with the assurance that they would be welcomed. In their simplicity they complied but when about half of the army had crossed they were attacked, while still in disorder, by the Nationalists who had been waiting for them, defeated, and compelled to surrender.

Return of the Southerners.

Detachments of the 33rd Army, which retreated from this section about the middle of August, in sympathy with the Southern retreat down the railway, have now returned from Tsuchowfu, and have taken over this important customs barrier from the 11th Army, which has been in occupation for some time. This seems to indicate that further Northern victories are not expected.

The man in the streets persists in saying that Gen. Feng's troops, a small detachment, are occupying Taihoshsien, 70 li beyond Yinchowfu and 60 li short of the Honan border, and also that Chin Yun-so's soldiers, driven out of Honan by Gen. Feng, are in Yingshanghsien.

Banditry of course abounds. Ten days ago the large market town of Yinghsieh, 60 li this city, was looted and largely burned. And three nights ago the very little market village of Changkehtu, 12 li from Yingshanghsien, was looted. It is a very small poor place, so the bandits must have been very hard up. Perhaps all the better places have been already looted.

Kidnapping a Profession.

Kidnappings and holding for ransom are of course rife. Last week one of our country friends was taken with his whole family—six persons—and held for \$2,000 ransom. But they talked price with such good effect that they got off by paying \$340, that being all they had available. Bandits base their charges on what the traffic will bear, and they are usually in a position to know.

A Tangpu, or Soviet, that had been organized in Yinchowfu a couple of months ago has dissolved, having been unable to function. The Soviet ambition is to gather all power into its own hands; yet its members are not elected by the people, are not responsible to the people neither do they represent the people. But all power is in military hands, and Soviet cannot function unless it can control the military; and military dictators are not likely to hand over their power to an irresponsible committee.

All crops in these parts are excellent this year, but prices remain high, although there are no facilities for export. Imported articles such as salt, oil, and sugar are excessively dear, being brought up by boat, and boats have to compound with bandits all along the way to be permitted to travel at all.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE MARQUESS.

London, Oct. 30.

The King and Queen, and practically all the members of the Royal Family, were present at the interment of the Marquess of Cambridge, the Queen's brother, in Saint George's Chapel, Windsor. A memorial service was simultaneously held in London, in the Chapel Royal.—*British Wireless.*

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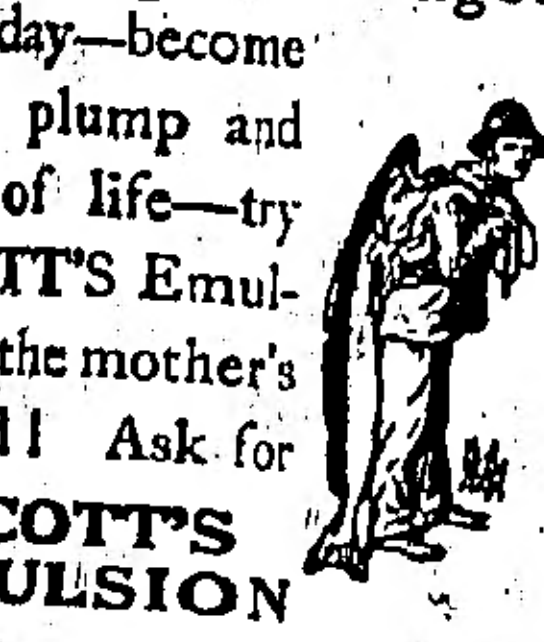
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SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

INTERPORT TRIAL MATCH.

On the Hongkong C. C. ground, Sayer won the toss and elected to bat. The side made a disastrous start. Brace was caught off Wales for eight, whilst both Fincher and Capt. Morris failed to open their account. Haywood batted steadily for a time but was caught with his score at 20, and Sayer had only got into double figures when he was sent back. At one time it looked as if the side would be out for less than fifty. Goodwin and "Lobster" Reed made a useful stand at the end. The former had a few lives, but managed to collect 22, and was not out when the innings closed for 76. Dale, Wales and Hankey did the damage. Wales was bowling very well and his three wickets cost only 16 runs. Hale had three for 25 and Hankey two for 21.

Pearce's team knocked off the runs required for victory with the loss of Hankey's wicket. He accompanied Lieut. Hunt to the crease, but had only made a single when he was clean bowled by Reed. Both Hunt and Ramsey batted exceptionally well, and if they keep up this form they will stand a very good chance of getting into the Interport team. The former made 68 and the latter 42 and both retired. During the afternoon was seen, Capt. Bridgland appeared to be well set when he was very smartly run out by Sayer. Dale, Hinton and Parker all did well, and 212 runs were on the board when the innings closed.

Not only their batting but the bowling of Sayer's side was disappointing. Goodwin failed to take a wicket. "Lobster" Reed was most successful with three wickets for 71. Scores:

G. R. Sayer's Team.

A. W. Haywood, c Hunt, b Dale	20
W. Brace, c Dale, b Wales	8
R. C. Fincher, b Wales	0
Capt. Morris, c Dale, b Hankey	14
G. R. Sayer, c Pearce, b Hankey	14
Capt. Thorp, c Pearce, b Dale	22
F. Goodwin, not out	22
S. Jex, c Parker, b Hankey	10
E. B. Reed, c Pearce, b Dale	10
Extras	0
Total	76

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dale	8	3	25	3
Wales	5	2	16	3
Hankey	6	0	21	2
Parker	6	0	14	0

T. E. Pearce's Team.

Lt. K. Hunt, retired	28
Lt. J. B. A. Hankey, b Reed	1
R. C. Fincher, retired	42
Capt. Bridgland, run out	23
Lt. J. H. Dale, c Fincher, b Reed	23
Lt. E. Pearce, c sub, b Brace	19
J. R. Hinton, st. Jex, b Reed	19
H. V. Parker, not out	21
C. D. Wales, not out	4
Extras	11
Total (for 7 wks.)	212

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brace	11	2	43	1
Reed	15	1	71	3
Goodwin	11	2	41	0
Sayer	3	0	33	0
Thorp	4	0	13	0

Division I.

Chinese R. C. v. Indian R. C.

Playing at the C. C. C. ground, the Indians scored a comfortable victory over the home team, winning by three wickets and 101 runs. For the Indians, S. A. R. Ismail scored 50 and A. H. Madar 45. The top scorers for the Chinese team were H. Ching, who contributed 30 out of a total of 86.

Arculli took two wickets for 13, Currie three for 11 and Saffell two for two runs only.

Scores:

I. R. C. "A."

S. A. R. Ismail, c Ng, b Un	50
F. M. el Arculli, c b W. C. Hung	21
A. S. A. Currie, b W. C. Hung	6
A. H. Madar, c H. Hung, b H. C. Hung	45
S. H. Ismail, c Youngsaye, b H. C. Hung	5
A. H. Rumjahn, not out	23
A. S. Saffell, b W. C. Hung	0
A. K. Minu, b W. C. Hung	4
J. S. Ackler, not out	5
Extras	28
Total (for 7 wks.)	187

A. R. Minu and T. Hamet did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. Ching	5	0	22	0
W. C. Hung	15	1	61	4
Ng Sze-kwong	2	0	12	0
T. Yeoh	1	0	10	0
H. F. Un	5	0	26	1
H. C. Hung	6	0	28	2

C. R. C.

W. C. Hung, l.b.w. b Currie	5
Ng Sze-kwong, c S. H. Ismail, b Arculli	1
C. Choa, c Currie	0
J. L. Youngsaye, c Rumjahn, b Minu	15
T. E. Yeoh, c Currie, b Arculli	3
H. C. Hung, c Madar, b Currie	4
H. C. Hung, c Minu, b Saffell	3
H. Ching, b Ackler	30
H. F. Un, b Saffell	1
H. L. Young, b Rumjahn	9
K. L. Chan, not out	11
Extras	6
Total	86

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Arculli	5	1	13	2
Currie	7	2	11	3
Minu	4	0	6	1
Saffell	2	1	2	2
Rumjahn	3	0	12	0
Ackler	1	0	28	1

Division II.

University v. R. A. O. C.

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of the University team on the latter's ground. Kermann, of the University, scored 126 out of a total of 196.

University.

H. T. Barma, b Hale	22
S. R. Kermann, not out	126
W. M. Gittins, l.b.w. b Lake	0
B. N. Sudan, l.b.w. b Corbet	12
K. T. Loke, c Lake, b Walker	3
M. B. Osman, c Bryant, b Lake	1
A. B. Suleman, c Bryant, b Lake	13
A. Chan Pook, not out	4
I. Tajima, b Lake	4
A. Baker, not out	5
Extras	10
Total for 8 wks.	196

F. Hiptoola did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lake	12	1	64	4
Hale	10	0	43	1
Walker	7	0	51	1
Corbet	7	2	18	1
Burger	3	1	10	0

R. A. O. C.

Lake, st. Kermann, b Sudan	0
Greenaway, c and b. Hiptoola	6
Roberts, c Osman, b Sudan	7
Hale, c Barma, b Hiptoola	10
Walker, c Baker, b Sudan	49
Bendall, b Sudan	9
Corbet, c Hiptoola, b Sudan	1
Thompson, b Hiptoola	0
Bryant, c Barma, b Hiptoola	0
Waterfield, not out	2
Burger, l.b.w. b Hiptoola	2
Extras	11
Total	91

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sudan	10	1	44	5
Hiptoola	9	3	36	5

Kowloon v. H.M.S. Tamar.

On the K. C. C. ground, on account of falling light, the match between the K. C. C. and the Tamar was left drawn. For the home team G. Lee scored four runs short of a century, and A. R. F. Raven knocked off 72. The Tamar's reply was 120 runs for the loss of five wickets.

Scores:

Kowloon.

G. A. V. Hall, c Bradley, b Beasley	10
H. T. Burton, c Bowler, b Rose	18
W. G. Guest, c Bradley, b Swift	0
L. A. R. Duncan, b Swift	6
G. Lee, c Beasley, b Swift	96
K. P. Raven, run out	72
R. E. Lindsay, not out	5
Extras	14
Total	221

W. Hyde, C. T. Evans, H. Overy, A. V. I. Smith did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Swift	14	2	89	3
Beasley	7	1	40	1
Rose	4	1	13	1
Pearce	4	0	20	0
Kirby	3	0	14	0
Nowlands	4	0	31	0

H.M.S. Tamar.

Beasley, run out	2
Bradley, c Guest, b Lee	48
Rose, b Overy	9
Waters, c and b Raven	25
Phillips, not out	17
Nowland, b Raven	1
Kirby, not out	13
Extras	5
Total	120

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Duncan	7	1	10	0
Overy	8	0	41	1
Guest	4	2	10	0
Buxton	3	0	18	0
Raven	5	1	16	2
Lee	5	0	10	1
Hyde	1	0	4	0

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

C.C.C. v. R. E.

The Craigengower Cricket Club entertained the Royal Engineers at Happy Valley and sent them away a beaten team. The Engineers were all out for 102 runs and the home team piled up 192 in quick time for the loss of seven wickets only.

Scores:

Royal Engineers.

Sgt. Bellow, b Hamson	1
Sgt. Goodyer, b Hamson	0
Sgt. Waters, b Abbas	28
Col. Mackintosh, b Way	21
Kennard, c Hamson, b Oliver	2
Sgt. Trumper, c Hamson, b Way	0
Houghton, c Abbas, b Way	0
Cpl. May, b Oliver	6
Sgt. Jones, not out	21
Adams, c Kitchell, b Oliver	8
Seymour, c Leonard, b Abbas	13
Extras	10
Total	102

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hamson	9	3	20	2
Abbas	10	3	18	3
Oliver	9	3	26	3
Mackay	3	0	9	0
Way	8	0	16	3

Craigengower.

E. Zimmern, c Waters, b Goodyer	1
I. Shilling, retired	15
Mackay, c Kennard, b Goodyer	7
Hamson, c Mackintosh, b Phillips	6
Oliver, c May, b Adams	24
S. Abbas, retired	22
A. Kitchell, retired	21
J. Hachiuma, not out	6
J. Leonard, not out	7
Extras	29
Total (for 7 wks.)	192

A. Zimmern, E. K. Way, J. R. Scores did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodyer	7	0	18	2
Bellow	8	0	40	0
Phillips	6	0	37	0
Adams	3	0	27	1
Waters	5	0	27	0
Jones	3	0	14	0

C. S. C. C. v. Royal Navy.

Playing on the Civil Service ground, the Royal Navy trounced the home team, scoring 232 runs for the loss of two wickets only and following this up by dismissing the whole of the Civil Service side for 116. Agnew, who scored 121, and Begg, who when stumps were drawn had 102 runs to his credit, gave a brilliant exhibition.

Scores:

Royal Navy.

Capt. Coleridge, b Ling	4
Lt. Cdr. Agnew, run out	121
Mid. Begg, not out	102
Mid. Musiman, not out	0
Total (2 wks.)	232

Hull, Lt. Tate, Capt. Scott, Lt. Davis, Shaw, Penna, Godsiff did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ling	13	3	57	0
Pendered	9	2	58	0
Grimmitt	4	0	41	0
Patterson	2	0	13	0
De Rome	1	0	9	0
Strange	2	0	16	0
Wood	2	0	24	0
Brawn	1	0	4	0

C. S. C. C.

F. J. de Rome, run out	25
T. D. E. Pendered, c and b Hull	3
Patterson, b Coleridge, b Godsiff	2
A. R. Sutherland, b Godsiff	7
A. E. Wood, c Hull, b Godsiff	5
Hawkins, b Coleridge	0
H. E. Strange, b Agnew	27
A. W. Grimmer, b Coleridge	4
F. H. Goldman, c Tate, b Agnew	16
F. J. Ling, c Davis, b Agnew	19
A. O. Brawn, not out	4
Extras	3
Total	116

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tate	7	3	18	1
Hull	10	2	29	1
Shaw	8	1	4	0
Godsiff	5	4	4	2
Coleridge	5	0	26	3
Davis	2	0	18	0
Agnew	3	3	16	3

Recreio v. H. K. C. C.

The above teams met on the Recrio's ground and the match resulted in a victory for the home team by a margin of two wickets and 11 runs. Batting first, the H.K.C.C. scored 117 runs. H. J. Armstrong being top scorer with 5. Guterras, bowling for the Recrio, captured five wickets for 28 runs.

The Portuguese reply was 128 runs for eight wickets. H. Alves contributed a useful 63 not out, and L. J. Guterras made 30.

Dragon v. Frohisher.

In a low scoring match on the Navy ground at Happy Valley, H.M.S. Dragon defeated H.M.S. Frohisher by 19 runs. Batting first, the Dragons scored 89 runs. Wellman, Spalding and Pert reached double figures, the first two contributing respectively 22 and 27. The Frohisher's reply of 70 included 19 runs off Kidd's bat. Spalding took five wickets for 22.

I.R.C. "B" v. D.B.S.

Meeting for the second time within a month, the Diocesan Boys' School inflicted another defeat on the Indian R.C. "B" on the latter's ground. The schoolboys scored 138 runs, D. J. N. Anderson contributing 32. The Indians' reply was 97, the best effort being that of O. Rumjahn, who made 26.

A. T. Lee captured four wickets for 38 runs, Kwan three for 24 and R. Lee three for 12.

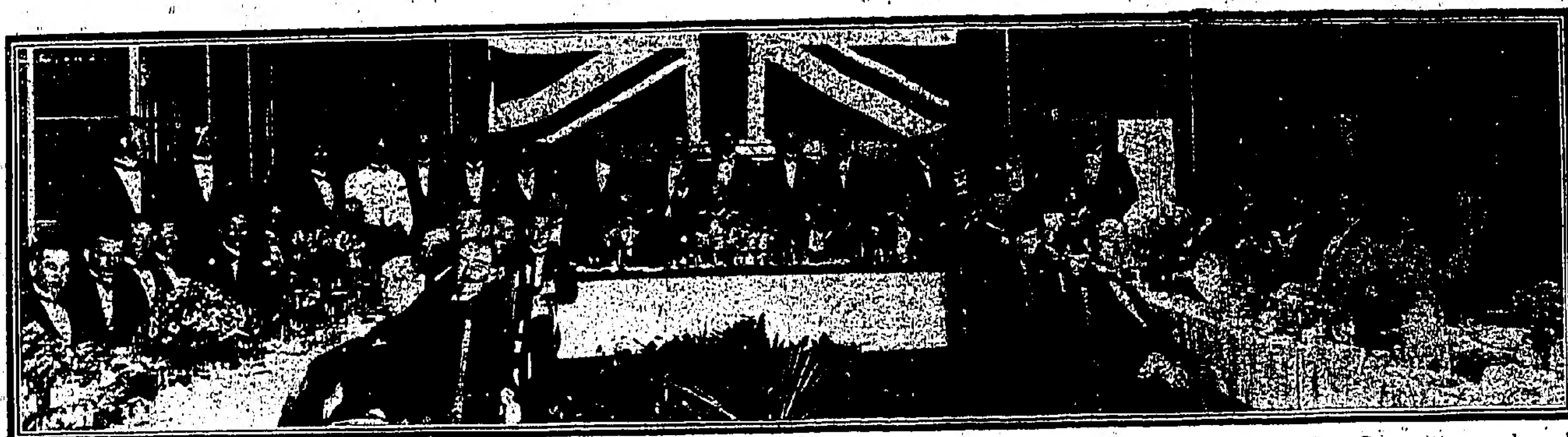
Police v. Northants.



RE-EN SHANGHAI WEDDING.—Mr. B. P. F. Marques and his bride Miss Alda Olivia Lopes, after their wedding at St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai. Mr. J. C. Britto was witness for the bridegroom and Mr. J. C. d'Assumpcao witness for the bride. The bridesmaids were Miss Magda Medina and Miss Agatha Seina.



LINCOLN MEMORIAL.—Here is a drawing of the \$265,000 memorial which Indiana proposes to erect to the memory of Abraham Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks. The site is the original Lincoln farm near the Ohio river, midway between Evansville and French Lick, where Lincoln spent fourteen years of his youth. Leading citizens of Indiana are raising the money.



ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY WELCOMES THE WELCH REGIMENT.—An informal dinner of welcome was given by the President, Committee and male members of St. David's Society at Shanghai to the Commanding Officer and Officers of the 2nd Bn. The Welch Regiment at the Shanghai Club recently. Those responsible for the arrangements of the evening were Messrs. J. R. Jones (President), Eric Davies (Vice-President), H. F. Prytherch (Hon. Treasurer), H. J. Gwyther (Hon. Sec.), Ellis Pugh, A. A. Williams, and Captain Angleson Sandels and Captain J. Barry Evans.



AN EVENING WEDDING AT SHANGHAI.—The wedding was recently celebrated in the evening of Mr. John E. Calvert, and Miss Ilma Margot Koster, at 516 Avenue Haig, Shanghai, where the above photograph was taken. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George A. Fitch, Miss Ella Bolton was maid of honour, and Mr. Joseph Haggeman was best man. Messrs. Warren Bolton and John E. Kreis performed the duties of ushers.



RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF CHINESE REPUBLIC.—Group taken at the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, Shanghai, at the reception given by General Pei Chung-hai, Garrison Commander, General Chang Ting-fan, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, and Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Special Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, to Chinese and foreign officials in honour of the 16th Anniversary of the Republic of China.

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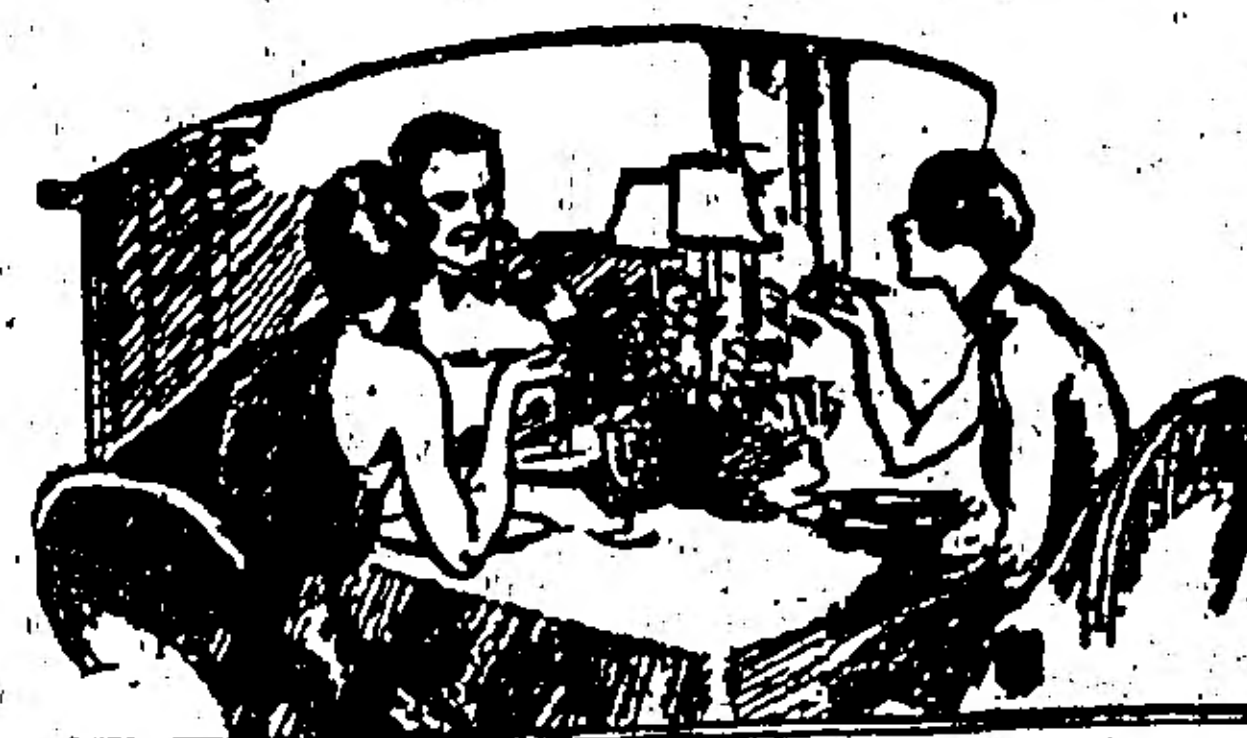
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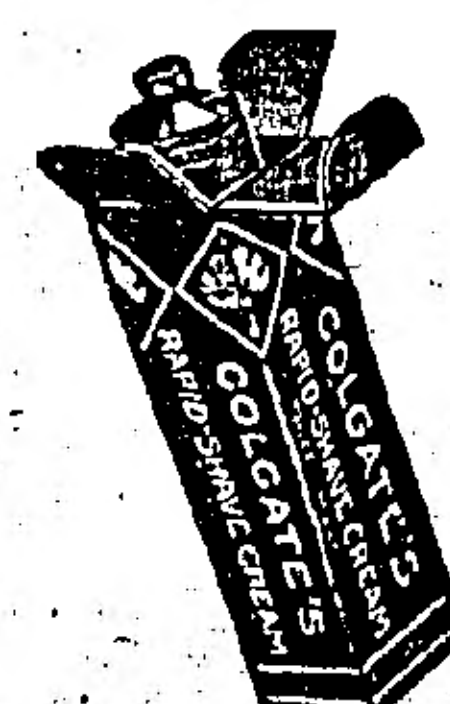
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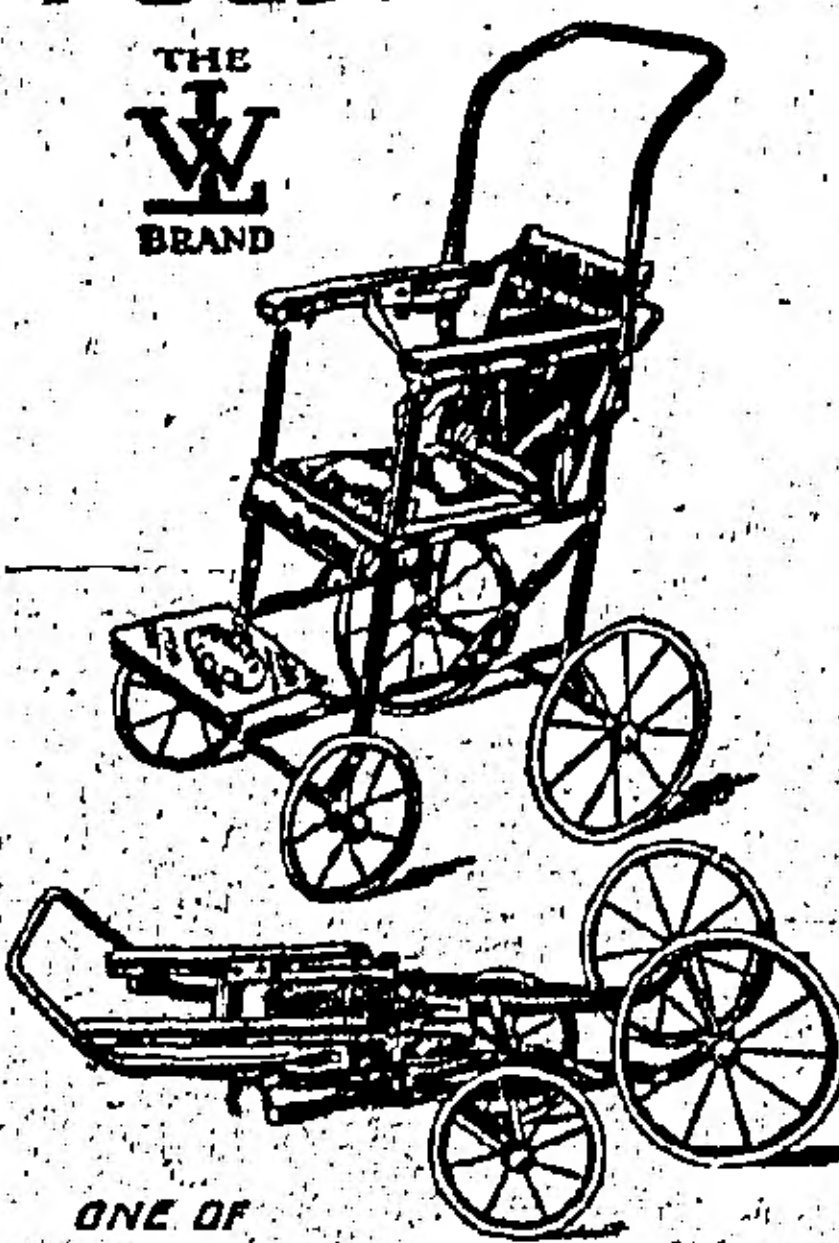
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The Swedish papers are suggesting that a Montmartre for artists should be founded on the craggy hills of Sodermaln, a district of Stockholm, rising on a big green island in the lake and commanding a beautiful view over the whole city. It is feared that otherwise the picturesque old houses of Sodermaln are doomed to perish. The idea is to let such houses in preference to artists, thus creating a colony for the Fine Arts.

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And further take notice that the said minute is in the words and figures following:—

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The Seventh Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 5th November, 1927, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

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Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5.00 each up to Friday, 4th November, 1927.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Hongkong, October 30th, 1927.

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A WORKER'S PROTEST.

A SHIPYARD MATTER.

A meeting for the purpose of discussing a request to the managements of local shipyards to employ workers direct instead of through Chinese foremen was attended by more than 200 Chinese mechanics yesterday afternoon, in the Chinese Mechanic's Association.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Han Man-wai, who declared that recently it had been learned that two of the biggest local shipyards had decided to let Chinese foremen employ workers. When there was a job of work to be done the management of the shipyard will not employ its workers direct but, instead, it will arrange with Chinese foremen, who will sign with the shipyard to undertake to do the work for a certain amount. The foremen, will then find the necessary workers to do the work.

The Chairman added that if foremen were left to employ workers, the outcome would be a decrease in the wages of workers of at least 20 per cent; a decrease in the number of workers employed in shipyards, and, lastly, that it would be harder for the elder workers to find employment. It was argued that the foremen will have means of cutting down not only the wages of workers but the number of workers required to do a piece of work. Further, that they will engage workers who can do the most work and that elder workers will be out of their consideration.

At the meeting it was decided to appeal to managements of the shipyards and also to the Government for help.

A SMALL RIOT IN THE PHILIPPINES.

AMERICAN HURT AND FILIPINO KILLED.

Manila, Oct. 28. One Filipino was killed and an unidentified American injured yesterday in Dinalupihan, Bataan, as a result of an altercation believed to have arisen over the survey for a privately owned railroad right-of-way through the Dinalupihan estate by the Pampana Sugar Mills, according to a telegram received by Leoncio Espino, chief clerk of the senate, from Daniel Sobrevinas, municipal councillor of Dinalupihan.

The telegram does not state the name of the dead Filipino or the injured American nor does it explain how the incident took place. It was learned in Manila last night that E. A. Rivers, superintendent of transportation for the Pampana Sugar Mills, is the only American connected with right-of-way survey work for the company and it is believed that he is the one injured.

The estate where the incident took place is owned by the church but the Archbishop's secretary said last night that he had heard nothing of the riot. Likewise the constabulary has had no report. A telegram received in Manila on Wednesday stated that constabulary soldiers accompanied the surveying expedition.

Survey Opposed.

The Pampana Sugar Mills at Del Carmen have carried on an intensive campaign during the past of cane season to contract with planters to sell cane to the central. This campaign resulted in the company arranging to extend its railroad lines about 26 kilometers. It is supposed that this survey was in connexion with the extension.

Tenants on the Dinalupihan estate, it is understood, are opposed to the survey inasmuch as they hope eventually to own the land themselves. Last August they presented a formal petition to the legislature asking the government to purchase the estate from the church and in turn sell it to them on the instalment basis. The petition was turned down, principally because of lack of funds and partly because Miguel Unson, acting secretary of finance, doubted the wisdom of the purchase.

The executive bureau received a telegram yesterday from Roman Salvador, acting municipal president of Dinalupihan, stating that 500 men and women made a public demonstration on Wednesday in protest of the survey. It did not say, however, that any undue event had taken place.

The Pampana Sugar Mills now operate more than 400 kilometers of their own railway system, extending through the provinces of Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales and Bataan.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone is central over S. W. Japan. The monsoon is interrupted to the north of Amoy. It will remain moderate over the China Sea. Local forecast, E. winds, moderate, fine.

A GULLIBLE WOMAN.

BANKNOTES TRICK AGAIN WORKED.

A Chinese was charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with obtaining \$70 worth of jewellery from a Chinese woman by means of the notorious banknote confidence trick. The jewellery was not recovered, and a previous conviction being proved, the man was sent to prison for three months with hard labour.

The banknote trick is one which has been practised with monotonous frequency here, but has not lost effectiveness. In the present case, it was stated that the woman was approached by two men, complete strangers to her, who told her that they were newcomers to the Colony and did not know the way to the money-changer's.

They handed her a parcel of what purported to be banknotes, and asked her to change the money for them. The prospect of a commission was one which appealed to the simple-minded woman. She took the parcel, and at the same time handed to the men, the articles of "jewellery" she had on her, reasoning that it was only fair that she should, at their request, leave these with them as security against her return.

At the money-changer's, she was disillusioned when, on opening the parcel for the first time, she found they had nothing more valuable than blank paper. When she rushed back to the spot where she left the men, they had of course, disappeared.

During the week-end, one of the two men was arrested and was charged and sentenced this morning as stated above. His partner who is believed to have the custody of the jewellery, has gone up to Canton.

DAY BY DAY.

There was one Chinese case of typhoid fever reported over the week-end.

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on Saturday.

There will be a public Lecture at the Helena May Institute on Monday 7th November at 5.30 p.m. The subject being "Aviation."

The week-end Harbour Office reports gave a free movement of vessels, with British ships holding first place, there being 11 arrivals and 12 departures of the nationality, of a total of 23 and 30, leaving 57 in harbour, of which 22 were British.

Two young Filipinos, Antonio Echalam and Francisco Pingoy, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning on charges of stowing away from Manila on board the s.s. West Sequana. Owing to the absence of Mr. L. E. Nautz, local agent, the defendants were both remanded till to-morrow morning.

The splendid achievement of completing 50 years' continuous service with Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co., which is an honour held by Mr. Leopoldo Ozorio, the firm's book-keeper, was celebrated on Saturday by a presentation in the office to Mr. Ozorio, made by the principal of the firm, Mr. L. J. Davies. A full account of the function is crowded out of to-day's issue.

Following the arrest of a married woman in connexion with a robbery committed at Tai Nam Street Shamshui on October 23, charges of robbery and receiving a pair of gold bangles believed to be proceeds of the robbery, were referred against the woman before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. This defendant was formally remanded for one week for further enquiries.

After pleading guilty to two charges of impersonating a constable, and denying a third charge, an unemployed Chinese, through Mr. Leo d'Almada admitted the third count before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Mr. d'Almada submitted the extenuating plea that the defendant was mentally unbalanced, and on the Police not refuting the statement his Worship imposed a fine of \$1 on each of the three charges.

A letter from M. Portier received in Shanghai on Thursday by M. F. de Briss contained the sad news of the death at Hyeres, France, of M. Georges Lafferriere, formerly secretary of the French Mr. Lafferriere was born in Paris on February 24, and went to Shanghai in 1898. He entered the service of the French Municipal Council in March, 1900, and became secretary in 1904. In January 1914 he resigned, returning to France, but on the death of M. Dantin he returned in May, 1917, remaining until April, 1919, when he returned to France.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

The parcels post service to Russia in Asia via Japan is temporarily suspended. Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

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Parcels post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

Parcels for places in Szechwan will now be accepted for transmission at senders' risk. It is to be noted that parcels are liable to delay, and that the service may be suspended again at any time.

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RADIO NOTICES.

Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation between Hongkong and the following places:— Philippine Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, Canton, Wuchow, Kowloon, Hoihow, Macao, Kwongchowwan, Fort Bayard and Amoy.

Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, General Post Office Building.

Swatow Service restored. It is notified for information that Feather Fans and Brooches cannot be sent by post to Great Britain. They are prohibited by the Plumage (Prohibition) Act of 1921.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that on and after 17th October, 1927 radio-telegrams will be accepted by the Radio Telegraph Office, Government Building, for transmission to the American Continents, Hawaiian Islands and Europe through the intermediary of the Radio Corporation of the Philippines at Manila.

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OUTWARD MAILS.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan, and Shanghai President Jefferson October 31. Manila Pres. McKinley October 31. Straits Jeyapore October 31. Shanghai Linan October 31. Japan and Shanghai Hakozaki Maru November 1. Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai Van Heutsz November 1. Australia and Manila Empress of Asia November 1. Amoy and Swatow Panda November 7. Japan and Shanghai Van Heutsz November 9. Macedonia November 11.

Amoy Chinghua Mon., Oct. 31, 4.30 p.m. Saigon Yuan Jeng Mon., Oct. 31, 4.30 p.m. Dairen Kojun Maru Mon., Oct. 31, 5 p.m. Port Bayard Chung Hing Mon., Nov. 1, 5 p.m. Saigon and South Africa La Plata Maru Tues., Nov. 1, 9.30 a.m. Shanghai and Japan Hakozaki Maru Tues., Nov. 1, 10 a.m. Manila Pres. Jefferson Tues., Nov. 1, 10 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Aeneas Tues., Nov. 1. K. P. O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G. P. O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 3rd Dec.)

Swatow, Amoy and Fochow Haiching Tues., Nov. 1, Noon. Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia Pres. McKinley Tues., Nov. 1. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due Victoria, B.C., 21st November).

Saigon Prominent Tues., Nov. 1, 3.30 p.m. Swatow Kwongsang Tues., Nov. 1, 5 p.m. Swatow and Amoy Van Heutsz Wed., Nov. 2, 10.30 a.m. Manila Emp. of Asia Wed., Nov. 2, 8.30 p.m. Amoy and Formosa via Swatow Del Maru Thurs., Nov. 3, 8.30 a.m. Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and Europe via Victoria, B.C. Parcels Nov. 2, 5 p.m. Protestants Thurs., Nov. 3. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 29th November).

Swatow, Amoy and Fochow Haiching Fri., Nov. 4, Noon. Weihaiwei Huichow Fri., Nov. 4, 2.30 p.m. Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Hakone Maru Sat., Nov. 5. K. P. O. Registration 4th 4.30 p.m. Letters 5th 9 a.m. G. P. O. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 3rd December).

Shanghai Yusang Sat., Nov. 5, 5 p.m. Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Hezan Maru Sun., Nov. 6, 9 a.m. Sandakan Suisang Mon., Nov. 7, 1.30 p.m. Straits and Calcutta Kumsang Tues., Nov. 8. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.

Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles General Metzinger Tues., Nov. 8. K. P. O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G. P. O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 9th December).

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Hal Ning Tues., Nov. 8, 1 p.m. Swatow Yat Shing Tues., Nov. 8, 5 p.m. Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles Van Heutsz Thurs., Nov. 10, 10.30 a.m. Macedonia Thurs., Nov. 12. K. P. O. Registration 10th 4.30 p.m. Letters 12th 9 a.m. G. P. O. Registration 12th 10 a.m. Letters 12th 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 9th December and due London 15th December).

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

The sport movement in Germany is responsible, according to the brewers, for the unexpected slowness with which the nation is taking to beer-drinking again, now that pre-war strength has been restored to both ale and stout. It is calculated that of the quantity now consumed per head of the population a falling-off of ten per cent is due to the impoverished condition of the middle classes. It is the youth and sports movements encouraging total abstinence, which are chiefly responsible for the fact that the German nation is drinking only three-quarters of the quantity consumed on an average during the years immediately preceding the war. This still totals the

THE RETURN OF THE "CAT."

A CLIMBING THIEF'S 20 SUCCESSSES.

IS HE AN EX-SAILOR?

By a raid on Sunningdene House, Sudbury, Middlesex, which resulted in a haul of jewellery and clothing valued at £5,000, the "cat" burglar has signalled that he has begun operations for another season, says a London paper of last week.

Every year since 1923 this acrobatic housebreaker has reappeared in the last weeks of September and at regular intervals has carried on his skilful work until about the middle of the following March. He has brought off nearly 20 first-class coups and numerous less successful burglaries in London and district, and has stolen property worth tens of thousands of pounds.

Poor Imitations.

Several times the police have made arrests and obtained convictions of supposed "cat" burglars, but they have been poor imitations of the genuine gymnast thief. So similar are the circumstances of the first-class exploits that it is plain there is one master "cat"—a burglar who can climb like a monkey and move as stealthily in the dark as the animal from which he derives his title.

In 70 per cent. of the cases investigated by the police he has entered dwelling houses while the family were at dinner. Invariably he climbs by a water or drain pipe part of the way up the wall of a house, and always the building selected is one with ornamental work, which assists him in swarming to the upper rooms, and with balconies which provide hiding-places and access to unguarded windows.

Bare-Foot Clue.

Last winter the "cat" confined his attention largely to country houses. His latest venture at Sudbury suggests that this season he may again specialise in quiet districts.

When "Felix," as the cat burglar is called by the police, has left any personal trace it has always been the same practically valueless clue—the imprint of a bare foot. This has led to the belief that he is an ex-sailor trained in climbing.

CURBING OF CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

A PHILIPPINE PROPOSAL.

Manila, Oct. 28. Legislation tending to curb immigration of Chinese into the Philippines and which would discourage their illegal entry is urged by Acting Governor General Gilmore in a bill he yesterday sent to Acting Senate President Jose Clarin asking its approval.

The bill provides for more rigid regulations regarding the admission of Chinese and heavier penalties for violation of the immigration laws. This move by the administration is said to be the result of the alarmingly large numbers of Chinese believed to have introduced themselves clandestinely into the country.

The proposed measure, amending existing laws, would have the following as its most important features:

1. An imprisonment of six months for any Chinese found violating the immigration law before being deported.

2. An imprisonment of no less than six months but not more than two years for any person found assisting or participating in the violation of the immigration laws and to pay the expenses of deportation.

3. The fee of Pesos 0.50 for the issuance of a certificate of entry be raised to Pesos 20.

4. That any Chinese residing in the Philippines who has not secured a certificate of entry after January 1, 1930, shall be deported.

THE PHILIPPINES GOVERNORSHIP.

PRESIDENT SAID TO HAVE CHOSEN SUCCESSOR.

Washington, Oct. 25. It is understood here that President Coolidge has selected a successor to the late General Wood, governor-general of the Philippines but his name has not been disclosed, and there is no indication when the appointment will be announced.

Those prominently mentioned for the post are Governor Wallace R. Farrington of Hawaii, former Senator James W. Wadsworth, of New York, Brigadier General Frank McCoy, and Henry L. Stimson, recently the President's personal representative in Nicaragua. While not on the President's list, some quarters mention Major General Douglas MacArthur as a possible selection. The President understands that General MacArthur will take charge of the military forces in the Philippines.

Still No Name.

Washington, Oct. 27. Pending the announcement of the successor to the late General Wood as governor-general of the Philippines, "President" Coolidge is giving close study to how to best meet the problem in the Philippines.

While it is believed that the President may have already reached a decision regarding the next governor-general, there is nothing to indicate when the appointment will be announced. It is suggested in some quarters that he might desire to await the arrival of Manuel Quezon and Sergio Osmena, who are expected here soon.

Two men interested in the islands were invited to a conference to-day with the President. They were Frank B. Loomis, of San Francisco, former assistant secretary of state, and Frank W. Carpenter, former executive secretary at Manila but now a resident of Venezuela.

Loomis said after the conference that he had suggested a Californian man for the Manila post, but he declined to disclose the name of the man whom he recommended. Carpenter said that he believed the next governor-general would be a man with an intimate knowledge of Philippine problems. Neither would offer a conjecture as to who the President's choice was or would be.

Quezon and Osmena plan to reach Washington on Sunday after first stopping at Chicago and New York. They will be welcomed by Commissioner Pedro Guevara, Vicente G. Bunuan and a committee from the Filipino Club of Washington.

SOLDIER STABBED BY A WOMAN.

IN MANILA HOSPITAL WITH KNIFE WOUND.

Feliciana Lopez, aged 35, wife of Private David Bastony, Company L, 31st Infantry, spent the night in the Luneta station jail, charged with inflicting physical injuries on the person of Private Robert C. Shotts, 31st Infantry, says a Manila report. Private Shotts is in the Sternberg General Hospital suffering from a knife wound in his chest.

About 9.30 p.m. Private Shotts in company with another soldier called at the home of their comrade who resides in Pasay. Private Bastony is now on detached service in Baguio and Feliciana Lopez was alone.

According to the woman's story, she asked Private Shotts to write her husband a letter at her dictation, not being able to write herself. But the soldier refused to write the letter, according to the woman's story, and instead, he attacked her. In protecting herself, she resorted to the use of a knife.

The case will be investigated by the secret service.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

BLOOD-STAINED TEAR CASES A MYSTERY.

MEDICAL ATTENTION.

In 1681, a Latin observer recorded his investigation of a girl, aged 16, whose tears resembled blood.

Since that time many physicians have written about cases of this type, and quite recently Dr. Z. R. Scott has reported a case observed by him in Pennsylvania.

A baby girl had progressed normally until she was six months old, when she developed a severe cold, nasal discharge and a slight cough. On several occasions during this time her mother noticed that when the baby cried especially hard the tears were red and stained the linen. Some of these blood stained tears were collected by the physician and when examined were found to contain actual red blood cells.

As the cold in the head improved, the blood gradually disappeared from the tears. Every possible examination was made without involving any surgical opening of the tissues, but no definite changes could be found to account for this peculiar occurrence.

In cases that have been previously described, six were associated with the fact that women had, not passed through the normal changes that occur to girls. In several cases there had been inflammations of the eyes and in other cases a tumour of the eyelids. Obviously, the sudden appearance of blood in the tears is a striking and unusual occurrence and should have prompt medical investigation.

SHOT BY AGITATOR.



President Condouriotis, of Greece, who has been wounded in an attempt to assassinate him in Athens.

MGR. J. J. HARTY NEAR DEATH.

FORMER ARCHBISHOP OF PHILIPPINES.

Los Angeles, Oct. 27. J. J. Harty, archbishop of Omana, and the first American Archbishop in the Philippines, probably will not live through the week, physicians said here to-day.

The archbishop has been ill for some time. Two years ago he was stricken with influenza. The disease recurred a few months later, and physicians ordered him to Arizona. He returned to Los Angeles recently.

The s.s. Empress of Asia left Shanghai on Saturday afternoon and is due here to-morrow morning. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

COMMUNISM IN SHANGHAI.

A RECRUDESCENCE REPORTED.

Notwithstanding the severe measures adopted by the Chinese Authorities since April 12, 1927, against the members of the Chinese Communist Party, these extremists have succeeded in resuming their old activities, and are now endeavouring by means of terrorism and propaganda to bring the workers in Shanghai completely under their domination, says the Municipal Council report for last month. The terrorism was manifested during the period under review in a campaign of assassination against employees of industrial establishments, of whom no less than four were shot dead, and two wounded, while the propaganda consisted of appeals to the workers which were disseminated through the medium of handbills.

In one instance the handbills advocated the overthrow of the Unification Committee of Shanghai Labour Unions and the removal of Generals Pai Chung-hsi and Ho Ying-ching on the ground that they have degenerated into reactionary militarists. In another a demand was made for the confiscation of foreign factories and an appeal to labourers to secure arms and set up a proletarian government in co-operation with the Russian Soviet Republic.

These handbills purported to have been issued by branches of the Chinese Communist Party known as the General Labour Union, the Chinese Communist League and the Executive Committee of the Chinese Communist Party.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

s.s. "Wray Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on the 15th instant, and is expected here on or about the 10th Dec.

s.s. "Lancaster Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on the 21st instant, and is expected here on the 15th proximo.

m.v. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Trieste on the 24th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 8th Dec.

s.s. "Venezia" (D. & Co.) sailed from Colombo on the 26th instant, and is due here on the 10th proximo.

s.s. "Calulu" (D. & Co.) due to sail from Sydney on the 10th proximo, and is expected here on or about the 24th December.

s.s. "Pres. Jefferson" of the American Mail Line will arrive from Seattle and Victoria via Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai this afternoon. She will sail for Manila on Tuesday, November 1st at 4 p.m.

s.s. "Pres. McKinley" of the American Mail Line arrived from Manila this morning. She will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama on Wednesday at 1 a.m.

HARBOUR COLLISION.

EARLY MORNING EXPERIENCE.

Damage to the extent of \$200 is reported to have been caused to the motor-launch George Bing No. 1 in an early-morning collision with another motor-launch in the harbour yesterday.

According to the coxswain's report to the police, the George Bing was crossing the harbour with four European passengers, and at 2.30 a.m. was nearing the Kowloon Wharf. Another motor-launch suddenly swerved and collided with the George Bing on the starboard side. Although material damage was caused, the George Bing was not disabled, and was able to proceed to the landing stage with its passengers unhurt.

THE ROSE CROPS OF KWANGTUNG.

MAKING OF ESSENCE AND SUGAR.

EXTENSIVE CULTIVATION.

Roses are extensively cultivated by Kwangtung farmers on a commercial basis, the returns being exceedingly high. A rose yields every year 300-500 cattie of flowers, which are sold at \$40-\$50 a picul (100 cattie). Tseng-shing is the best known rose producing centre in Kwangtung province, although rose gardens are found in the suburbs of nearly all the big cities. The rose cultivated by Kwangtung farmers belongs to a species indigenous to Tseng-shing, the ordinary kind raised by horticulturists having little commercial value.

The plant is highly sensitive to heat and dampness and must be planted in sandy or loamy soil with the bed well-drained. It is propagated by cuttings. In January, the farmers usually take cuttings from a parent plant, each measuring about five inches and transplant them in sandy soil. The cuttings are well-watered and covered with inverted earthenware pots. After a month or so, the pots are temporarily removed in order to expose the new growths to light for about half an hour, when they are covered up again with pots, which are now kept slightly raised from the ground by pieces of brick, so as to afford better ventilation. After the cuttings remain in this condition for another two months, new roots develop and they are ready for transplantation.

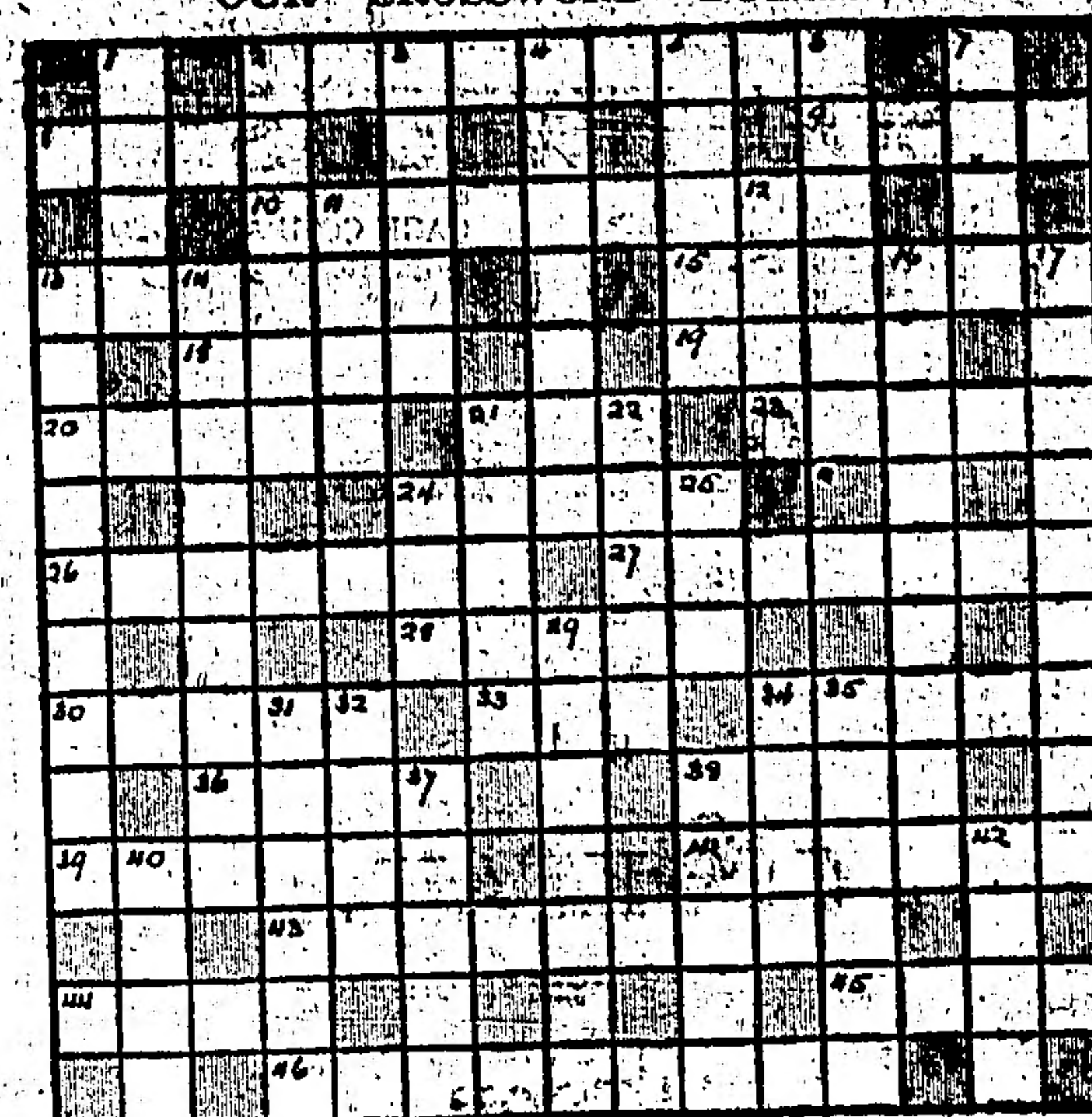
The bed for transplants is prepared the previous winter, the ground having been ploughed and the soil pulverised. Early in the spring, when the cuttings are about to develop leaves, they are transplanted in rows about two or three feet apart and with interspaces of about 16 inches or two feet (Chinese measure). As many as 1500-2000 cuttings may be planted in a moue. The young plants are kept well-watered, and wood ashes are applied as fertiliser. After a month or so, diluted liquid night-soil may be applied. The young plants must be well-sheltered. Farmers sometimes plant ginger among the young rose bushes in order to give the latter the necessary shade. In the rainy season, the rose bed must be well-drained. Watering and weeding must also be kept up in summer time.

The most harmful insect to rose plants is the *ya-chun*, a tiny, grayish white worm feeding on the leaves of the plant. The pest may be killed by drenching the leaves with a tobacco solution. Liquid manure must be applied at regular intervals from spring to autumn in moderate quantities. In January, compost manure consisting of canal dredgings, stable manure, night-soil and bean or other seed cakes must be applied very liberally so that a rich crop of flowers may be expected in the next spring.

After transplantation, a young rose plant will come to blossom in the following year. The flowering season lasts from February to April. After April, the plant must be pollarded short and in winter all its leaves must be removed so as to conserve its latent power for the next crop. A rose bush will continue to flower for about half a dozen years, after which it must be replaced with a new cutting.

Early Picking. The flowers are picked by the farmers early in the earliest possible moment. From Tseng-shing, the flowers are taken to Canton every morning by the Canton-Kowloon Railway. At places where the flowers cannot reach the market in a fresh condition owing to lack of transportation facilities, the farmers usually sell them in a preserved state. Rose is much sought after by Chinese

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 2 Waterfalls.
- 8 Condensed matter.
- 9 Trees.
- 10 Members of a branch of Christianity.
- 16 Hilly country.
- 15 Consumers.
- 18 Employer.
- 19 Pace.
- 20 Harbours.
- 21 Attempt.
- 23 Upper air.
- 24 Rids unintentionally.
- 26 Leave.
- 27 Speech impediment.
- 27 Trivial.
- 30 Most cultured.
- 33 Utter.
- 34 Animals.
- 36 Crude metals.
- 38 Bristle.
- 39 Caused by old age.
- 41 Moves round.
- 42 Calumny.
- 43 Tenable.
- 45 Ireland.
- 46 Wheel guards.

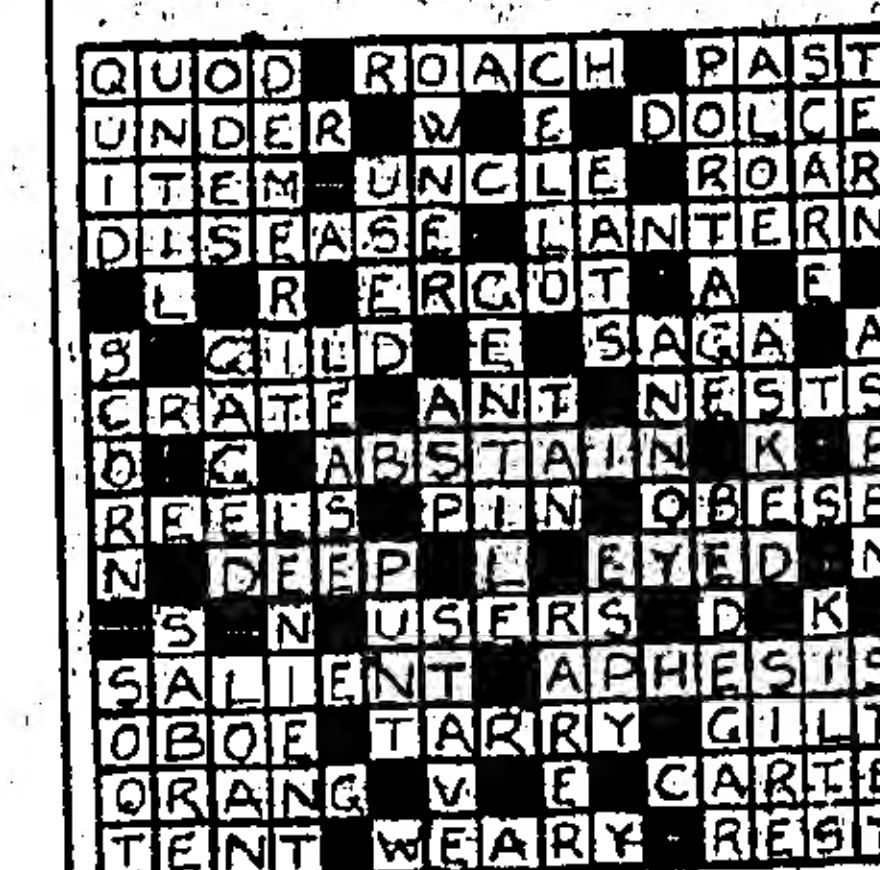
Down.

- 1 Ancient gold coin.
- 2 God.
- 3 More docile.
- 4 Furnishes.
- 5 Trunks.
- 6 Composition for six.
- 7 Descendant of Mohammed.
- 11 Articles.
- 12 Small quantity.

Series of letters.

- 14 Purification.
- 16 Short-lived.
- 18 Astounds.
- 21 Pitches.
- 22 Frothy.
- 24 Cut off.
- 25 Pen.
- 26 Herald's garments.
- 31 Attempts.
- 32 Slimy fishes.
- 34 Brave man.
- 35 Adjunct.
- 37 Division of the calyx.
- 38 Steps.
- 40 But also.
- 42 Animal's dwelling.

Saturday's Puzzle.



bakers and confectioners for flavouring candy and light refreshments. Rose essence is also extracted for various industrial uses.

The method used by Kwangtung farmers in preparing sugar-preserved roses for the bakers and confectioners may be briefly described as follows: The freshly picked flowers are first laid in an airy bamboo basket or crate and placed at some shaded but well-ventilated place for about 20 hours. The flowers are then sorted, the stalks, calyxes and peduncles being removed, leaving only the petals. One hundred cattie of flowers yield only about 50 cattie of petals, which are stored in an earthenware jar together with five cattie of sugar. The mixture is subjected to gentle pressure until the juice of the flower petals begins to ooze from the jar. The contents are then poured from the jar into a cloth bag and the juice is expressed to prevent an astringent taste being imparted to the sugar. The mixture is then put into a bigger jar, into which 300 cattie of sugar are added. The jar is sealed and the contents are allowed to remain undisturbed for about 100 days, when the sugar and the petals become so thoroughly mixed that they turn into a pink or reddish crystallized mass ready for the market (cf. the method of preparing "rose sand" in Nanking, in the article: "Roses as a Foodstuff," Bulletin No. 224, pp. 320-321). This concoction, known as "rose-scented sugar," is sold at about \$35 per 100 cattie, the cost of preparation being about \$33 for every 350 cattie including both the cost of flowers and sugar.

Rose essence is extracted by Kwangtung farmers by a rather crude but effective method. A box is partitioned into many layers with glass plates, each being about two inches apart. Sorted rose petals are placed on each layer of the glass plates the under-surface of which is smeared with lard. The box is then hermetically sealed for about two hours, after which the fragrance of the flower is completely absorbed by the lard, which is then removed from the glass plates and distilled in an ordinary liquor distilling plant. By this method the rose-essence can be easily collected. The rose is much employed by Kwangtung manufacturers in scenting face powder, tea, and alcoholic drinks.—Chinese Economic Bulletin.

The Soviet Commissariat for War reports that 80 per cent. of the Soviet factories have now been supplied with small stocks of rifles and that the workers are regularly having target practice. The propaganda department of the Commissariat for Education is supplying the targets, which consist of images of popularly hated people. A target representing Sir Austen Chamberlain is especially popular among the Communist factory chiefs, who offer a prize to the worker who hits the monocle. An effigy of the American Vice-President, General Dawes, author of the reparations plan, is also used, the bull's-eye being the general's famous pipe. Another target in which a pipe figure is that representing Mr. Baldwin.

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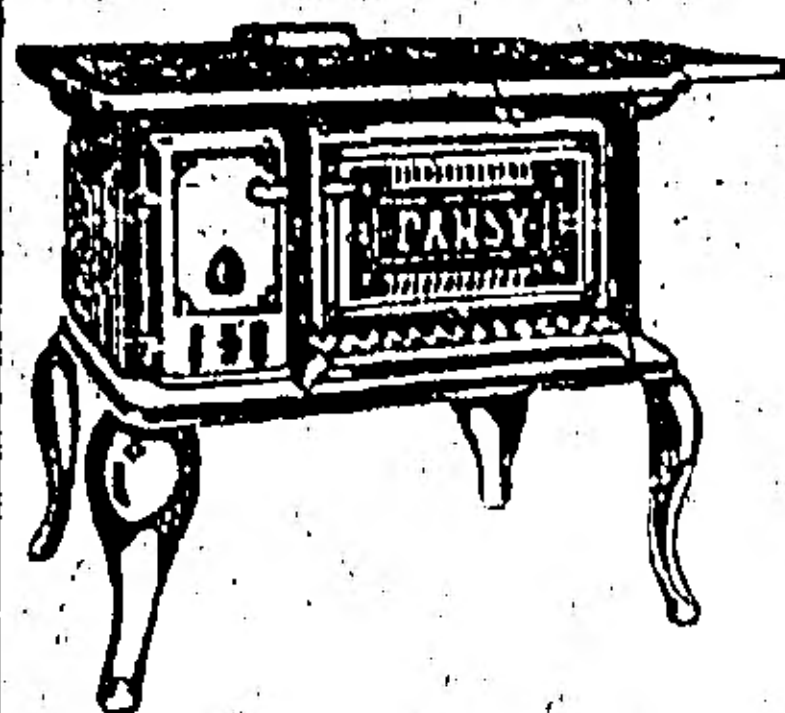
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BIRTH.

RAWORTH.—At the Peak Hospital, on Oct. 30th, to Mrs. A. Basil Raworth, a son.

DEATH.

LEE.—At his residence, 5, Gordon Road, Kowloon, on October 30, George Lee, Senr., aged 80 years. Funeral takes place this afternoon at 4 p.m.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1927.

BRITAIN'S EXPORT TRADE.

The British export trade has suffered so badly since the war that every effort to stimulate it should be welcomed. In the great old days of the mid-nineteenth century Britons were the leading dealers in certain staple products. There was a period when two-thirds of the world's coal, two-thirds of the world's cotton, two-thirds of the world's pig-iron and steel went out from British ports. Those bounteous times are apparently gone for ever. In prime articles of commerce and consumption Britain has been caught up and in some has been passed. British manufacturers and dealers decline to throw up the sponge, however. If they have lost ground in some quarters they are seeking to regain it in others. Britishers may still hope to sell the foreigner enough to pay for essential imports even if they can no longer command his markets as they used to do with locomotive engines and Manchester piece goods. Modern scientific progress has created novel demands. Britain has been a little late in discovering the potentialities of these new fields and has allowed others to get far ahead in developing them. In motor-cars and cinema films Britain suffered the United States to establish an overwhelming superiority; and Germany at one time surpassed Britain in chemicals and electrical appliances. But these rivals are now challenged and their lead is being steadily reduced. British motor-cars, turned out by mass production, are running the Americans hard in Great Britain and hold their own for export.

From the latest Home papers to hand it would seem that British manufacturers are opening up another promising avenue. At the National Radio Exhibition recently held at Olympia there were to be seen agents from several countries.

France, Germany, Austria, Italy, the South American States, and Britain's Dominions sent representatives to this exhibition. British manufacturers went all but to do business with these important visitors. There is room for plenty of British made receivers abroad. In some countries wireless is still in its infancy, and the instruments are mostly imported. India, with its huge population and its half a million small towns and villages, ought to furnish a good market. Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa have all got the wireless habit rather badly, and there is no reason why they should not equip themselves from Great Britain. For such territories as Kenya Colony, Nigeria, and Ceylon the natural and obvious source of supply is the Home Country. In wireless apparatus, as in other branches of manufacture, British workmanship and British conscientiousness in the selection of material will tell if they can get their fair chances. It is encouraging to know that in these new industries of modern days Britain is taking her representative part.

New Regulations.

There will have been a great deal of interest locally in the new Bills to be brought before the Legislative Council, one dealing with the imposition of stringent anti-rabies regulations, and the other designed to safeguard the distinction of the Boy Scouts' uniform and badges. The first measure is calculated to enforce the muzzling law, and to remove the controversy as to when a pup is no longer a pup. It will be recalled that there was a discussion some weeks ago concerning a case in which a young dog was shot near a children's playground, and the question was whether it was not so young as to come within the definition of a puppy, which is not required under present regulations, to be registered. It was as well to have a clear-cut ruling on the matter, such as the proposed Ordinance gives. Now, all dogs, whatever their age, are to be subject to the stringent enforcement of muzzling or leading. It is established that even a small pup can spread rabies if it becomes infected, so the objection to muzzling puppies never had any justification. The Government is evidently determined to remove the menace of rabies from our midst, and in this deserves the support and co-operation of all residents, including, of course, all dog-owners. So much for that. As regards the draft ordinance for the safeguarding of the Boy Scouts' organisation as a distinctive body, it can be said that the measure is perhaps overdue. It has been found necessary in other parts of the world to make this provision, and in the Far East, where an unthinking imitative faculty is possibly more manifest, there is always the risk of some entirely different body assuming a semblance of the Baden Powell organisation and masquerading in a similar uniform. The recognition of the Boy Scouts by the governments of all nations, and their concentration under the original association founded in England, has made of the movement an international institution which, in its work as well as its splendid ideals, should be jealously safeguarded.

DEATH OF MR. R. BATSON.

FORMER HONGKONG
RESIDENT.

The Tientsin Club was the scene of a very tragic occurrence on Tuesday evening. Mr. R. Batson, of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, Ltd., who was sitting reading, and apparently in quite normal health, in the main hall, suddenly collapsed. Dr. O'Neill, who was on the premises, immediately attended him and was joined, a few minutes later, by Dr. Skinn. Injections, artificial respiration, and oxygen, were all tried in vain. After working for an hour to bring Mr. Batson round, all hope had to be abandoned.

The tragedy of the occurrence is enhanced by the fact that Mr. Batson was engaged to be married, and his wedding date was actually fixed. The cause of death is unknown.

Deceased was badly gassed during the war, and it is assumed that he died from heart trouble, or from some injury to the brain. The greatest sympathy will be felt with his fiancée, Mrs. Gray, says the P. and T. Times.

Mr. Batson was with Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son in Hongkong, in 1922-23, and was well-liked here. His local friends and acquaintances will learn of his death with much regret.

DAY BY DAY.

ALL OTHER PASSIONS DO OCCASIONAL GOOD, BUT WHEN PRIDE PUTS IN ITS WORD EVERYTHING GOES WRONG.—Ruskin.

The silk forwarded from here by "Empress of Canada" on the 5th October, arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on the 27th October, having been 22 days in transit.

The Fire Brigade was called out this morning to Taiwong Street East, Wanchai. The outbreak was confined to the chimney, and was extinguished without trouble.

A Chinese attempted to drown himself in the harbour, near the Yau-mai Ferry Wharf, yesterday, but was rescued by sampan people and subsequently removed to hospital.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd will add eight new steamships on their Philippine European service during the coming year, according to Herr W. Schmidt, who furnished the Manila Herald further details regarding the expansion of the firm's enterprise in the Philippines.

Hisano Shima, a 23-year-old geisha girl employed at the Chitose Hotel at Wanchai, was fatally injured yesterday in a fall from the second floor verandah of the building. The girl received head injuries from which she died soon afterwards. The remains have been removed to the Mortuary.

While driving along the Tai Po Road yesterday, Mr. Murdoch, living at No. 29A, Kennedy Road, was involved in an accident, when his car knocked down a Chinese and injured him in the leg, near the railway crossing off Namchung Street. According to Mr. Murdoch, the man suddenly dashed across the roadway. The victim was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Both the pictures at the World Theatre and the Star Theatre are showing for the last time this evening. The former is a French comedy with a small town setting, "Along Came Ruth," in which Viola Dana plays the leading role; and the latter is a Western picture, "Looking For Trouble," with the cowboy star, Jack Hoxie, and his wonder horse "Scout" dashing through a series of exciting adventures.

Charged with being in unlawful possession of two tree trunks, a Chinese woman at the Central Police Court this morning said that the case was trumped up by the Indian constable because he was unable to borrow fifty cents from her. He even made her carry the trunks to the police station. The story was not believed, Mr. Lindsell imposing a fine of \$10, with the alternative of 14 days' hard labour.

In a report to the police yesterday, a Chinese motor-driver, living at No. 38 Yue Wa Street, revealed the unfortunate fact of his having been attacked and bitten by two dogs in one day. The incident occurred at Repulse Bay where the driver stated, he was attacked and bitten by two dogs in the legs. He escaped from them, and proceeded to the Government Civil Hospital to receive treatment. The offending animals have not been found.

It is learned that in connexion with the awards made to the defenders of that ship, the Government of Hongkong have made a grant of \$100 to Wong Sing-sum, the boatswain of that vessel, for his gallant conduct during the affair. The presentation will be made when the vessel next returns to Hongkong, this act of the Government being greatly appreciated by the Chinese, especially the seafaring community.

The 76th birthday on Thursday of Mrs. M. A. Youngson was made the occasion for a very happy gathering of the admirers and old Hanburys at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Conine, at 64 Route Grouchy, Shanghai, where the health of the lady was toasted, and a purse and address given. Among those present were Dean Symons and Mrs. Symons. Mrs. Youngson was visibly touched by the manifestation of good wishes. Mrs. Youngson has spent more than 25 years teaching in Shanghai.

The Quaints closed their present season in Hongkong last night at the Star Theatre when they again gave another performance of "No, No, Nanette." The big hit which this popular musical play has established locally, was again proved by a large and enthusiastic audience, which at the conclusion of the show, demonstrated their appreciation in a very warm manner. The Company is leaving for Shanghai where it should be assured of a warm welcome. During its season here, the individual members have more than distinguished themselves, and have provided a high standard of entertainment.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MAXIMILIAN HARDEN.

Berlin, Oct. 30.
The death has occurred of Maximilian Harden.—Reuter.

Maximilian Harden was born in Berlin in October, 1861. His name was originally Isidor Witkowski. At the age of 16 he became a Christian. At first he was an actor, but later he took to writing. Under the pseudonym of "Apostata" he wrote "Critical Essays in Politics and the 'Times'" (1892), which attracted attention. In 1896 came "Literature and the Theatre" and in 1903 a book on Sudermann. But the work by which he will be chiefly remembered is his weekly periodical *Die Zukunft*, founded in 1892 and nearly all written by himself in a crabbed style which is all his own.

Originally *Die Zukunft* found its raison d'être in criticism of the regime of Wilhelm II, support of the dismissed Bismarck and advocacy of a policy of force. Harden's greatest achievement was in 1907 when in order to discredit Prince Eulenberg, the friend of the Kaiser, who was regarded as the head of a camorra surrounding Wilhelm, he made a grave charge which involved Lieut. General Kuno Moltke. The latter brought an action for libel against Harden who was at first acquitted. The charge was, however, brought again, this time by the Public Prosecutor and Harden was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, but this was reduced to a fine of 600 marks. For the rest he had the satisfaction of seeing Eulenberg fall into disfavour and of involving him in a prosecution for perjury, as a result of which he died after many years as a bedridden invalid, leaving the trial still unfinished.

During the war Harden at first advocated *Die Zukunft* the most far-reaching war aims. Then while the war was still in progress he swung round entirely, wrote from the standpoint of the Independent Socialists and defended the policy of the Entente. At the same time he was writing in pro-Entente American papers articles capable of being used against his native land. He also later defended the provisions of the Versailles Treaty in a collection of his *Zukunft* war-articles he cut out all the passages in which he had advocated extensive annexations. Naturally enough this attitude did not appeal to his fellow-countrymen as particularly patriotic and when he proposed to undertake a lecture tour in America in 1921 the German-Americans raised such vigorous protests that the idea had to be abandoned. Later he was set upon in the street one night and badly injured.

DEATH OF NAVAL YARD FOREMAN.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Alexander Cooper, a foreman of the Naval Yard. Mr. Cooper had been ill for about a week suffering from acute intestinal trouble and he passed away at 2.30 yesterday afternoon at the Naval Hospital.

The late Mr. Cooper who was about 48 years of age, was well known in Kowloon. He resided at the European Y.M.C.A. and was a member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. He came to Hongkong about six months ago. He was not unacquainted with work and life here, for before the war he served in the Naval Yard being here during the years 1910-12.

A native of Portsmouth, he leaves a widow and daughter at home, with whom the deepest sympathy with be felt in the sudden bereavement they have been called upon to bear.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Oct. 30.	
Paris	124 1/2
New York	48 7/16
Brussels	34 9/16
Geneva	25 25
Amsterdam	12 08 9/16
Antwerp	89 1/2
Berlin	20 8 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/2
Oslo	18 1/2
Prague	34 9/16
Vienna	164 5/16
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	28 47
Lisbon	2 29/64
Athens	889
Bucharest	792
Rio	5 57/64
Buenos Aires	47 17/32
Bombay	15 15/16
Shanghai	2 1/4
Hongkong	1 1/12
Kobe	1 10/16
Silver Spot	25 1/2
Forward	25 15/16

British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

A young barrister was arguing with great earnestness and eloquence in court one summer day. Suddenly he paused and said:—

"I see your Lordship shakes his head at several of my statements. I desire to reaffirm them, although your Lordship dissents."

"I have not intimated," replied the Judge, "how I should construe the evidence, or what my decision will be in the case, and your remark is quite uncalled for."

"But," insisted the young advocate, "you shook your head."

"That may be true," the Judge replied. "There was a fly on my ear, and I reserved the right to remove it in any manner I saw fit. Please proceed with your argument."

One died and another was seriously injured during the exciting period of the Dempsey-Tunney fight. James K. Chilson, seventy-seven, of Eagle Rock, a suburb, was stricken with heart trouble during the seventh round of the bout and died almost immediately. Frank Cox, twenty-one, was taken to the receiving hospital with an ice pick plunged into his back up to the hilt. He said he got it in a crowd while he was cheering for one of the fighters. He probably will live, physicians said.

Ratepayer summoned at Action for unpaid rates. The council has been very kind and lenient to me. Magistrate: Councils are always kind and lenient.

Willesden woman: My husband woke up this morning practically in a fighting attitude.

Woman accused of drunkenness at the Thames Court. I had been to a birthday party. Mr. Cairne, discharging her: Keep away from birthday parties in the future. They have led more people into the dock than any other cause I know.

Violent deaths are so prevalent among children in Chicago that a boy between five and fourteen is more likely to die in an accident than because of disease, the safety committee of the National Safety Congress reported to the congress at its opening session today.

What could be less musical than a swearing husband or a nagging wife?—Bishop Welldon.

Broadcasting for the actor is a grave risk. I would never face it myself.—Mr. Seymour Hicks.

Democracy can only flourish by means of the triumph of reason and not by force.—Mr. Baldwin.

Whenever I hear anybody running down their own flag or own country I always begin to suspect their ancestors.—Mrs. Baldwin.

A Priest entered a barber's shop, conducted by one of his parishioners, to get a shave. He observed that the barber was suffering from a recent celebration, but decided to take a chance. In a few moments the barber's razor had nicked the father's cheek.

"There, Pat, you have cut me," said the priest, as he raised his hand and caressed the wound.

"Yes, y'r reverence," answered Pat.

"That shows you," continued the priest in a tone of censure, "what drink will do."

"Yes," replied Pat unabashed, "it makes the skin mighty tender."

Prince Henry has had a taste of war. When the mechanized army manoeuvres were held early in September, the prince went into "battle" with his regiment, the Tenth Royal Hussars, and took part in a night engagement along a fifteen-mile stretch of country in Berkshire. Along with other soldiers he was obliged to sleep in the open, so he made himself comfortable under a convenient hedge and breakfasted on a couple of sandwiches.

Scottish Provost, welcoming delegates to a conference: "You will get a little Scotch—'Instantaneous burst of applause'—which I hope you will be able to understand."

Chastly, crestfallen-silenced.

Several Hongkong residents left for home on the P. and O. s.s. Kashmir on Saturday. These included Mr. J. A. E. Bullock, Mr. H. Dinnen, Mr. A. R. Bruce, Mr. C. W. Edmunds, Mr. C. G. Purchase, Major C. D. Rawson, D.S.O., Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor, Mrs. A. H. Stewart, and Mrs. H. Gild. Professor C. K. Webster, Wilson Professor of International Politics, accompanied by Mrs. Webster, was also on board, and through passengers from Shanghai included Rear Admiral Cameron, C.B., M.V.O., and a number of naval officers from the Yangtze.

ITALIAN MOVEMENTS
WATCHED.FRENCH AND GERMAN
COMMENT.

TANGIER "DEMONSTRATION."

London, Oct. 30.
The visit of an Italian naval squadron to Tangier with Prince Udine, who yesterday opened the Italian Scholastic Hospital and other buildings, has provoked varied emotional reactions in European capitals, in view of the impending conference to revise the Tangier Statute, which Italy does not recognise.

"Unfriendly" Act.

The Paris newspapers regard the Italian "demonstration" as an unfriendly act.

The *Oeuvre* says that the commemoration of the anniversary of the Fascist revolution is assuming a Gallophobic form.

The *Humanite* accuses Italian Fascism of going to help Spanish Fascism, with which it is secretly leagued in the Mediterranean policy.

On the contrary, French official circles consider that the demonstration is "merely theatrical." A semi-official statement hopes for negotiations for the revision of the statute, firstly between France and Spain alone, and afterwards, with the inclusion of England and Italy, they might lead to a speedy agreement. In the meantime there can be no question of inviting Italy to "put her ear in."

A "Panther Spring."

A Berlin message says that the Italian demonstration is described in Germany as a "panther spring," and has resulted in columns of newspaper "reminders" of the ex-Kaiser's despatch of the warship Panther to demonstrate at Agadir.

The *Vorwaerts* declares it is directed against England and France, but the *Vossische Zeitung* is of opinion that Britain will welcome Italy's action to speed up Franco-British negotiations.—*Reuter*.

IN AID OF THE
M.C.L.BRIGHT PROGRAMME AT
GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

A concert and dancing display has been arranged for next Thursday evening at Government House, by kind permission of H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. Southorn. The entertainment, which is in aid of the Ministering Children's League, and Hongkong Women's Guild, and therefore worthy of hearty support, promises to be a very enjoyable one. Some of the best available local amateur talent has been engaged for the concert, which will include musical and vocal items, and for the dancing in the latter part of the programme. The entertainment will be held in the ballroom, and there is ample accommodation for a large gathering. It will commence at 8 o'clock. Tickets, at \$1 each, may be obtained from Messrs. Moutrie and Co., and from the Anderson Music Company.

TO RADIO EXPERTS.

A SPECIAL PROGRAMME.

The local officers of the Holland-China Trading Company have received a telegram this morning, informing them that in commemoration of the number of workmen employed at Messrs. Philips factory reaching to-day the 10,000 mark, there will be special broadcasting by Eindhoven (Holland) to-morrow, Tuesday, 1st November from 2 to 10 a.m. local time.

Messrs. Philips will also broadcast until further notice, on Tuesday and Thursday, every week, from 17 to 20 G.M.T.

The Company will appreciate to hear from any local short wave station (30.5 meter), which has been able to listen in.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN
FLAG.

GENERAL SMUTS' VIEWS.

London, Oct. 30.
In reply to a request for his opinion on the flag settlement in South Africa, General Smuts has telegraphed to the *Sunday Observer*.

"The dual flag settlement is a generous measure, which leaves the position of the Union Jack intact, while the national flag provides for strong national sentiment. I consider it on its merits a wise and statesmanlike solution, and expect that further beneficial results may follow in the improved temper and greater sense of unity between the white races."—*British Wireless*.

SOCIETY ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL.ANOTHER YEAR'S USEFUL
WORK.

ASSISTING THE POOR.

We have received from Mr. J. M. Alves, the President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a copy of the Central Council's report for last year and a statement for the first nine months of this year, which shows that the Society has during the past year distributed over \$17,000 in the relief of the poor of Hongkong. The expenditure in 1926 was \$55.85 in excess of the receipts.

The following extracts are from the lengthy report:

In presenting this report and statement of accounts the Council desires to express its grateful thanks to the public of Hongkong for their generous response to the Society's two annual appeals—"Our Poor Day" Sale of Roses and the "Al Fresco Fete." It has been gratifying to note that these two chief sources of the Society's income were not too adversely affected by the general business depression and the conditions then prevailing. This was some tribute to the confidence bestowed upon the Society by the public in entrusting it with their alms; a proof of practical assistance which has been very cordially appreciated by the Council and by all those who worked, so hard and so devotedly, for the success of the Fete. The net proceeds last year were \$13,488.15 as against \$14,840.83 in 1925.

The Society is gratefully indebted to Mr. C. A. da Rosa, A.S.A.A. for auditing the accounts.

Relief in Money and Provisions.
During the nine months—January to September, 1927—the Society contributed to the maintenance of 180 families comprising 226 persons, irrespective of race, nationality or creed, and 1296 visits were made to the Poor in their homes. The expenditure for the first nine months of this year was \$5,961.60 as against \$5,504.00 for the same period in 1926. The Society has also assisted the children of these poor people with shoes and clothing to the extent of \$164.40.

Housing Accommodation.
In consequence of the acute trade depression and the consequent increase in the number of the unemployed the Society has given to the Poor no little anxiety during the period under report. This is revealed by the appreciable increase of relief for rent, which in 1926 amounted to \$901.20, whilst for the nine months—January to September, 1927—assistance to the extent of \$1,692.40 has already been given, of which grants to the extent of \$263.20 were made to assist some distressed families in their plight against disrepair for rent. For certain families, whose special circumstances justified such a course, the Society now leased No. 23 Kwong Ming Street, a four-storeyed building at Wanchai, situated close to school and hospital. At a cost of \$180.00 each floor has been divided into cubicles, according to the needs of the various families. Electric Light has also been installed on the premises at a cost of \$55.00.

Passages for Distressed Persons.
The Society has again to deal with a large number of applications for passages to other ports where the applicants hoped to find better opportunities of earning a living. Passages were provided only in those cases which, after careful investigation, were found deserving. But as among the applicants there are many who are entire strangers to the Colony, it is very difficult for any charitable association to satisfy itself as to the merits of such cases. In this connection, the Council feels glad to announce to its benefactors that the centralization scheme referred to in our last year's report has been established under the style of "General Charities Organization Committee." It is financed by the various charitable Societies of the Colony with the assistance of the Government, and each subscribing Society has a representative on the Committee. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has made a grant of \$100.00 as its first annual contribution towards the expenses of the Organization, which it is hoped will be a permanent institution.

Education of Children.
This is a work to which the Society devotes much of its time and attention. 86 children are receiving an English education at the expense of the Society, and 157 boys are attending its Vernacular School—the Kailap School—at Wanchai.

The excess of expenditure over receipts on account of this school during the nine months ended 30th September, 1927, was \$1,012.00, besides which a grant of \$83.00 was made for school furniture for the new branch school.

The Society is also assisting a Vernacular School for Chinese girls, the Tak Ying at Wanchai. It pays the fees of some of the

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BRAVE OFFICERS.

A PRESENTATION AT
SHANGHAI.

SUNNING PIRACY RECALLED.

A gathering of insurance and shipping men attended a presentation ceremony on Tuesday morning at 11.30 o'clock in the offices of Messrs. Beck & Swann, Ltd., 17 The Bund, Shanghai, when the Shanghai Marine Underwriters' Association showed its commendation of the heroic services of two mercantile marine officers, Mr. Joseph Stewart Hurst and Mr. George Cormack, who wrested the str. Sunning from pirates last November.

Mr. Hurst, who was Second Officer of the Sunning, received a pair of binoculars and a cheque for Tls. 807.78 and Mr. Cormack, Chief Engineer, received a gold watch and chain, the gifts being engraved from the Shanghai and Hongkong Marine Underwriters' Association in recognition of their conduct in the str. Sunning—piracy in November 1926. Another officer, Mr. T. P. Beatty, who was Chief Officer of the Sunning, will receive a telescope and a cheque for Tls. 489.85 in Hongkong in recognition of his part in the episode.

Mr. Hurst, who joined the local shipping firm, Butterfield & Swire in 1925, has served in several ships, including the Chekiang, Hsin Peking and Wanlu. He was appointed to the Sunning on June 4, 1926. He was on watch on the eventful Monday afternoon, November 15, when 40 pirates disguised as passengers divided up into fighting squads, search and guard parties, captured the ship. After they were in control the pirates allowed the officers a certain amount of liberty and Mr. Hurst had the initiative to possess himself of a .32 Colt revolver and 30 rounds which he had hidden away in his room. More weapons were rounded up by Mr. Hurst and Mr. Beatty and the others and by midnight of the day of the capture the officers of the ship made a run for the bridge to recapture it. That they were successful forms one of the most thrilling incidents in a long list of China Coast piracies.

Chief Engineer Wounded.
The Chief Engineer, Mr. Cormack, was wounded during all this and spent some time in the Government Civil Hospital in Hongkong. Mr. Cormack joined Butterfield & Swire in 1898 and during his long service has been in several ships, chief among which are the Poyang, Wenchow (old), Kinkiang and Sunning. At present he is Chief Engineer of the Wenchow.

Mr. E. C. Emmett, of the Insurance Department of Jardine, Matheson & Co., and chairman of the local Marine Underwriters' Association, presided at yesterday's presentation and made the following remarks:

Our gathering to-day is for a purpose which is without precedent in the annals of the Shanghai Marine Underwriters' Association. That is primarily to do honour to the men who so bravely re-took the str. Sunning from the pirates who captured her while bound from Shanghai to Hongkong in November last year. Secondly, to ask them to accept mementos of that occasion, with cheques for the balance of the sum subscribed by Companies, members of the Hongkong and Shanghai Associations.

In singling these men out for honour and special recognition of their bravery, I am sure that you will agree with me when I express the opinion that many of our seafaring men serving on the dangerous China Coast would have acted in a similar manner, in similar circumstances, if the opportunity to do so had presented itself, but it must be borne in mind that the methods adopted by these pirates on the coast are such as to make organized resistance difficult, if not impossible, and the ship once in their hands, I imagine the chance of her recapture very rarely arises.

Bravery by No Means Rare.
I like to feel, however, that in honouring the officers of the str. Sunning, we are paying a tribute to our Mercantile Marine as a whole, seeing that deeds of bravery among them are not by any means scarce, as we residents in the Far East have particular reason to know.

I think the mementoes we are giving to these Officers will be specially valued by them, not because of their intrinsic worth, but in view of fact that they are presented by an Underwriters' Association numbering among its members representatives of no fewer than 12 countries—who, whilst necessarily differing in their characteristics and view points, are all united in their admiration of brave deeds.

Coming down to more prosaic considerations, the members of this Association are vitally interested in the prevention of

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OPPRESSION IN
KIANGSI.MILITARY EXACTIONS
INTOLERABLE.

PEOPLE IMPOVERISHED.

Yushan, Ki., Oct. 10.

If this city does not become poor, it will not be the fault of the Nationalist army! The troops stationed here during the summer demanded \$50,000 before they were willing to move on. Five days after they had left, another lot appeared, having come across from Anhui. And they demanded a like sum of money! The people are almost desperate. Each one is apporportioned so much, and if he refuses to pay or thinks the sum too great for his means, he is arrested, and has no chance of getting out until he has paid the said sum and the etceteras! As that has gone on for nearly a year, it can be imagined that the people are getting more than weary of the military oppression. As we are on the border of Chekiang, Fukien, and Anhui, we get the full benefit of the troops coming from all these provinces. And, of course, what they demand in the way of money is over and above the ordinary taxes, or the contributions to public funds.

The "hsien" magistrate seems to have come to the end of his reign! He knew that a while ago, and so tried to provide for himself before it was too late. But the Political Bureau got wind of it, and held him in custody in the yamen. It is rumoured that he had a hand in bringing the present troops here! At any rate he is now at liberty.

Tea Shops Closed.

All the tea shops were closed for several days last week, as they refused to pay a monthly tax of \$200 levied on each shop. I believe they got the victory in the end!

And yet, in spite of all the adverse conditions, we go on quietly with our work. In all the country places specially the gospel is gladly received, and many books are sold. Much work has been done among the pilgrims, and the Chinese preachers send a most encouraging report.

In the city the people are as friendly as ever, and do all they can to help me. Many of them are very indignant at our premises still being used by the soldiers, when there is plenty of room outside. Many of the officers too are friendly, and often come for a visit. Quite a number of them have been glad to receive pocket Testaments. So there is encouragement as well as discouragement.—*N. C. D. News Correspondent*.

"SO THIS IS MARRIAGE"

ATTRACTION AT THE
QUEEN'S.

The current attraction at the Queen's Theatre, which is entitled "So This Is Marriage," is rightly described as a shrewd *expose* of married life in its earlier stages. It deals with the matrimonial "inaptitudes" of a newly-wedded couple, who are placed temperamentally apart, in sympathetic as well as cynical vein, while pointing the right moral to those who would embark on the same adventure.

A popular star, Eleanor Boardman, has the leading role in the cast, with Conrad Nagel taking the part of the ardent husband. Lew Cody fills out the third angle in a really interesting light. They make a popular combination, which has ensured the success of every production in which they have appeared, and the present film is no exception.

TRIAL OF ALLEGED
PIRATES.THE "IRENE" CASE IN
COURT.

The Irene piracy case was opened before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the Senior Magistrate, at the Central Police Court, this afternoon, when seven men were charged with the piracy of the China Merchants Navigation Company's steamer Irene, while on a voyage from Shanghai to Amoy.

At this preliminary Police Court hearing, the Crown Solicitor, (Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith) is conducting the case for the Crown, while Mr. C. A. S. Rues is watching the proceedings in the interests of the owners of the pirated vessel. The hearing will, it is predicted, take no fewer than ten sittings in view of the large number of witnesses to be brought into the case.

A bale of goods fell on a coolie at the Kwong Yick Godown at Kennedy Town, yesterday, and injured his spine. The man was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

UP-COUNTRY
AFFAIRS.TURNIPS GROWING ON A
MOTOR ROAD.

A BICYCLE EXCURSION.

The following notes on a trip just concluded through seven counties may or may not be of interest to your readers, writes a N. C. D. News correspondent. Starting after breakfast, a bee line was made for the motor road, on which traffic of the motor variety ceased in the spring, and traffic by cart and wheelbarrow commenced. As a consequence the road has been ruined. Some enterprising farmers have planted turnips at intervals, and one with greater faith has sown a section of the road with next spring's wheat. At other places cross tracks have been made and the earth piled up on either side. To crown all the cyclist has to contend with a peculiar kind of thorny weed which grows all over the surface. Six punctures were made the first day in your correspondent's back tyre. One constantly marvels at the skill which the Chinese show in riding over the narrowest paths.

The words which come forcibly to one's mind during such journeys are: "Let him that thinketh he sitteth take heed lest he fall."

A new motor road is nearing completion running from Tsinan to the sea at Yangchiakou, a distance of 160 miles. The surface looks nice and clean just now but the road is scarcely wide enough for cars to pass.

The road bordering the south bank of the Yellow River running east and west of Tsinan is in good condition. I suppose the lightest duties to be found in the world must be those of the men in charge of some of the stations on this road. About nine o'clock one car goes up, and about three o'clock another car comes down. In each case another official solemnly blows a whistle to start the car, and the day's work is done.

Prohibition of Opium.

Proclamations were posted at each county town with the ostensible object of prohibiting the smoking of opium. The actually realized object, however, is the licensing of opium smokers. The rule is one man, one lamp, which like a railway ticket is "non-transferable." It is even rumoured that opium is to be grown in some parts of Shantung shortly as a method of raising revenue. At various centres the magazine and poster just issued by the Chinese Anti-Opium movement were encountered. The well meant efforts of this Society are to be commended, but propaganda alone will not free China from opium.

Some of the government schools in the county towns have very few pupils, one I hear of with only seven.

Great efforts are made by parents who send their children to mission schools. I wonder if the children appreciate it all. No wonder a Chinese book says "Yangsui neng chih fu-tsu en" i.e., "When you bring up a son you will realise the favours you received from your parents."

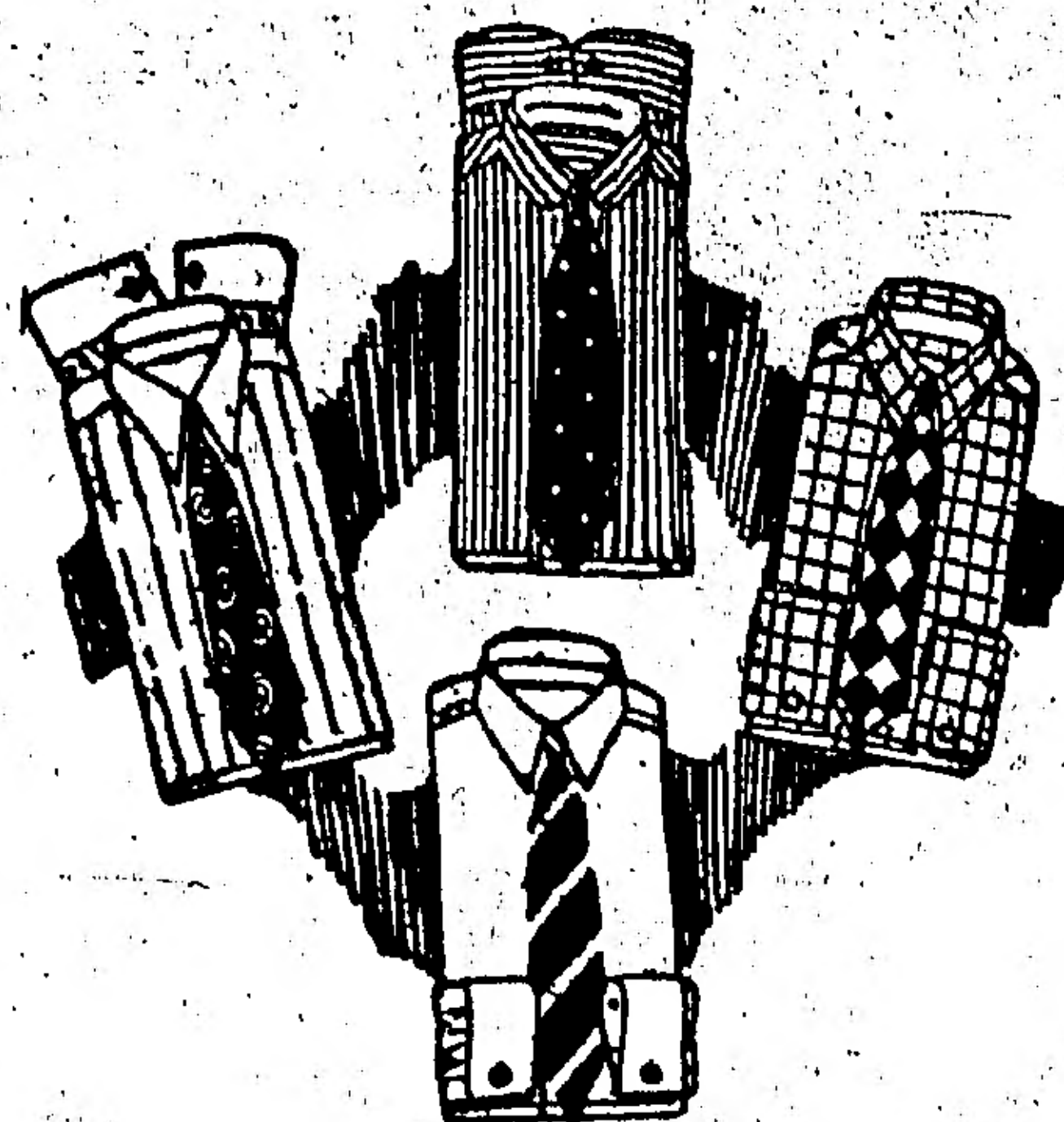
A heavy rain which made the road impassable has been followed by a cold snap. I shivered as I waited for the boat in which to cross the Yellow River. There was some compensation, however, in watching the sun rise over a bank of clouds which looked just like a range of punnetted hills. The roads were so bad that the bicycle had to be wheeled for more than half of the 50 miles covered on the last day's journey.

OBITUARY.



Maximilian Harden, the famous German journalist, whose death is reported to-day.

A 30-ton clock has just been made at Whitchurch, Shropshire, by Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co. for the new Chinese Maritime Customs House, Shanghai. The clock, which will probably be the "Big Ben" of the Far East and



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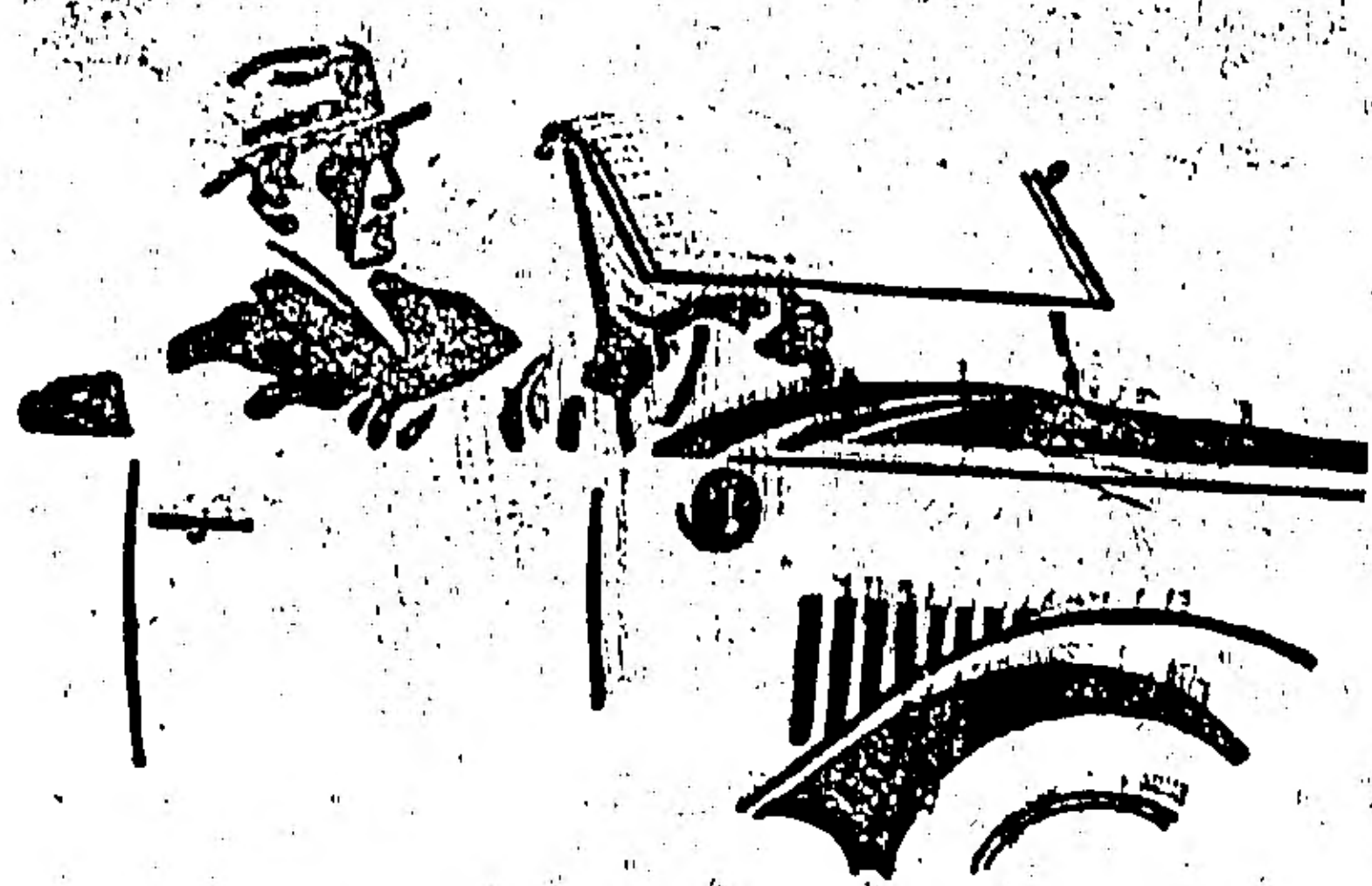
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SOME SENIOR LEAGUE SURPRISES.

KEEN LOCAL SOCCER.

[By "Wanderer".]

For those who imagined that the military teams would sweep unresisted through the Senior Division of the Hongkong Football League at the expense of the civilian sides, Saturday's results were something of an eye-opener. The five army teams were engaged, all against civilian clubs, and between them they managed to secure one point only, the K.O.S.B. forcing a draw with South China, while the Scots Guards went down to the Club de Recreio, the R.A.F. lost to Kowloon, the Queen's to the general surprise conceded the spoils to the Police, while the R.A. failed to upset the Chinese Athletic sequence of victories.

Low scoring obtained in the Junior Division "A," even the riotous K.O.S.B. Reserves failing to register more than two goals.

The Results.

The results were:—

Senior Division.

K.O.S.B.	1	South China	1
Recreio	4	Scots Guards	2
Kowloon	4	R.A.F.	1
Queen's Regt.	0	Police	1
Chinese Ath.	3	R.A.	0

Junior Division "A."

S. China "B"	0	K.O.S.B.	2
St. Joseph's	1	Kowloon	0
Recreio	2	University	2
S. China "A"	0	Chinese Ath.	1

Junior Division "B."

Kowloon	1	Chinese Ath.	6
Kung Woo	5	Boy Scouts	1
St. Joseph's	1	S. China "A"	1
Mostems	1	S. China "B"	1

South China Do Well.

A story of missed chances accounts for the failure of the Borderers to defeat South China, though due credit should be accorded the South China defence for a fine back-to-the-wall display against odds.

In almost all departments of the game, the K.O.S.B. were superior. They made ground by neat combination, the half-backs giving the forwards excellent support, while South China relied on long swinging passes to initiate their attempts at breaking away.

Tse Li-wa, the South China goalkeeper, was kept on his toes during a big proportion of the first half, but the K.O.S.B. were not in their best shooting mood and caused him little real anxiety. Spasmodically the South China forwards were set on move, and there was always a spice of danger about their movements.

The interval was reached with the score sheet blank, but a lead to which they might easily have held, was secured by the Borderers some fifteen minutes after the restart, McGlinchey centring accurately for Stock to score, with ease. Tse Li-wa had a few anxious moments prevented, an addition to the score, one shot from the Rev. Alexander bringing him to his knees.

However, South China put a little more spirit into their performance and were rewarded by a nice goal from the foot of Ip Tak-wa. The K.O.S.B. pressed vigorously towards the closing stages but failed to score.

The K.O.S.B. appeared to accept their task too lightly in the opening and permitted South China to settle down. Davey was missing from his customary position at centre-half, and his substitute, Gow, was not over-impressive. McGlinchey and the Rev. Alexander were the most prominent wing, but both have given much better displays.

Li Li-sang, Ko Sik-wai and Pang Wa-hing were prominent in South China's defence, while of the forwards, Lai Ting-choi and Ip Pak-wa were much in evidence.

Gosano's Brilliance.

It is not too much to say that Gosano won by his individual brilliance, the match for the Club de Recreio against the Scots Guards. Until the last fifteen minutes when the Guards, apparently feeling badly stung after seeing a goal lead at half-time reduced to a deficiency of two goals, were haphazard in almost everything they did, the Club de Recreio never inspired real confidence in their ability to contend with the vigorous push of the soldiers.

This in spite of the fact that the Recreio were ahead, for few other players could have scored the goals netted by Gosano, while Rocha's, the second, was in the nature of a gift by accident.

What amusement could be found in frequent carpetings of players on both sides was afforded in full measure in the first half, the Recreio retaliating when the Scots Guards showed their I am afraid, usual robust tactics. Thrills there were in plenty, and at one time in the Scots' Guards' goal-mouth so many infringements were committed that it was not surprising the referee found himself a trifle puzzled. Jackson, the goalkeeper, was charged over when not in possession, and was put down again immediately he rose to his feet, but somehow without his assistance the Guards cleared the ball.

Jackson was later cautioned by Capt. Austin for an offence against a Recreio player, but it seemed to me in his case that he was sinned against rather than sinning. The Scots Guards pursued much the same tactics throughout, but in view of their bulk this might have been excused but for the many glaringly deliberate attempts at tripping after an opponent had beaten them.

Gosano was brought down heavily when attempting a break through in the first half. He was carried off suffering from an injury very much akin to a knock-out punched. In the second half, he was his old self again, and he equalised Caswell's first half goal, with a brilliant left-foot shot from close range although twice tackled.

Rocha, unmarked, a few feet from goal received the ball unexpectedly from the right, so on afterwards, and Jackson was helpless, and before the excitement had fully died away, Gosano receiving about thirty yards out, resisting several spoiling efforts, put on the third with a brilliant shot.

The Guards put everything into their play, and Woodard netted after some exciting play, but Gosano put the issue beyond doubt with another goal, very much like his second, gathering the ball smartly, dashing through and giving Jackson never a chance.

The Club de Recreio countered the bolsterous play of the Guards with speed and cleverness, and an occasional touch of their own medicine. They fully deserved their success, though their quick goals came at a somewhat surprising period.

Xavier and A.A. Remedios were outstanding in defence, the former rarely placing a foot wrong, while Gosano, who gave a superb exhibition, was well supported, particularly by Silva and Brown.

Kowloon Well On Top.

As may be judged from the fact that they scored four goals against a defence which had never previously conceded more than two in a match, Kowloon gave a virile display against the R.A.F. on the Kowloon ground, and were full value for their success.

In the first half, Miles opened the scoring after May had struck the cross-bar with a fast shot, and Vernon equalised for the R.A.F. The interval score of 1-1 being more or less a correct estimation of the sides up to that point.

Kowloon's youthful side found its feet in no uncertain manner in the second half, however, and the R.A.F. were outplayed. Sims held the defence together admirably, and his forward passes were always beautifully accurate. May, who gave one of his best exhibitions throughout, scored Kowloon's second with a bright effort, and soon afterwards the same player again puzzled the R.A.F. defence and defeated Williams with ease.

Kowloon's forwards were well together, and before the end Miles added a fourth goal with a fast rising shot.

All round improvement was noticeable in the Kowloon side. The defence gave very little away, and the forwards showed an understanding not achieved in any previous game. Sims was on top form, Cavene and Dodson were found in almost everything they did, and Baldwin made a welcome reappearance.

The R.A.F. defence was in good trim, but the forwards never settled down, and rarely roused the hopes of their supporters.

AN EASTERN CHESS ORGANISATION.

INTER-ASIATIC TOURNEY PROPOSED.

A Far Eastern Chess Federation, intended to promote international competition in the Orient, was recently organized by M. Dimant, last year's chess champion of Shanghai, says a Manila paper. The organization of the federation was completed on October 15, according to information received in Manila yesterday.

At present, the new federation counts chess players in the Philippines, Australia, Japan, China, East Dutch Indies, Siam, New Zealand and British India, among its members. In rating, China stands No. 1, and the Philippines, No. 2. According to present plans of the federation, a Far Eastern chess tournament will be held next year at Shanghai, the winner to compete in the international championships for the world's title. The second Far Eastern tournament will be held in Manila.

It is believed that the new federation will inject more interest into the ancient game of chess in cities of the Orient.

Police Surprise.

Without Woodards and one or two other regular players, the Queen's Royal Regiment found the Police defence far too much in evidence for their liking, and finally by the only goal of the game, Howarth heading in from a corner, the Police gained both points.

Generally speaking, the defences were on top, and at one time it appeared likely that a goalless draw would result. Territorially, the Queen's had a trifle more of the game, and in the closing stages they gave Wynne and Clark considerable work.

Wynne gave one of his best displays, kicking cleanly, tackling assuredly, while he was not averse to using his weight to good purpose. Barclay was outstanding in the Queen's front rank, and he had bad luck on several occasions.

Win the Fifth.

One rarely expects a Chinese team to become a second half team, but in nearly all their games this season, the Chinese Athletic have not made victory certain until the second half. They defeated the Royal Artillery comfortably by three goals to nil, all the points accruing after the interval.

The Artillery were not at full strength, but managed to hold their opponents in a not very interesting first half. They fell away on resumption, and Stanton's charge fell when Trim put through his own goal by an error of judgment. Lai Wai-koon took advantage of a goalkeeping mistake to score the second, while the same player headed a third towards the end.

The Chinese Athletic were always the better side, but were not so impressive forward as usual, in spite of the nature of their success. At times their football was spiritless, but it is of course too early to suggest they are going stale. The half-back line was not so much in prominence, but Ng Kam-chuen and Lai Yuk-tat were sound enough at back.

In the Junior Divisions, there was no surprise unless it be the point gained by the University. Both University goals were the result of bad goalkeeping.

Playing a man short, Kowloon held their own with St. Joseph's, but lost by the only goal, scored ten minutes from the end. The K.O.S.B. Reserves were held to two goals by the South China "B" defence, Craig and Barres scoring.

All the Chinese Athletic teams were successful.

Garrison Football League.

The following are the results of mid-week matches:

Played on October 25.

"C" Coy. K.O.S.B. 2.
E. E. & R. Sigs. 0.
R.A.O.C. 0. 31. H. Bty. R.A. 5.

Played on October 26.

20 H. Bty. R.A. 0.
"D" Coy. K.O.S.B. 8.

Fixtures for the Week.

October 31: H. Q. 1 K.O.S.B. v. "D" Coy. K.O.S.B. Referee, S/Sgt. Pope, R. E.

November 1: "C" Coy. K.O.S.B. v. "D" Coy. K.O.S.B. Referee, S/Sgt. Gilbert, R.A.O.C. "A" Coy. K.O.S.B. v. E. E. & R. Sigs. Referee, S/Sgt. Gilmer, R.A.M.C.

November 3: H. Q. 1 K.O.S.B. v. R.A.O.C. Referee, Cpl. Lees, R.A.M.C. 31. H. Bty. R.A. v. H. Q. 2 K.O.S.B. Referee, S/Sgt. Pope, R. E.

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School Football.

On Friday the Diocesan Boys' School, on their own ground, played a friendly match with a team from the Central British School. The game was fast and interesting, being evenly contested throughout. The D. B. S. won by five goals to two.

LAKE WINS TITLE.

EXCELLENT SHOWING WITH NIXON.

THE BOXING TOURNAMENT.

[By "Wanderer".]

One would describe the fight for the lightweight championship of the Colony, at the City Hall on Saturday, as interesting rather than exciting. Stoker Percy Lake was always a shade, too clever for Pte. Nixon and after a full distance bout, he was given the verdict.

As the rounds reeled off, the fight pursued much the same course, Lake being mainly aggressive, much faster both of foot and punch, while Nixon exhibited a sound defence, taking much on his fore-arms, while he countered with nice straight blows.

Lake went off flashily after a stealer at the outset, and sent his man down with a neat clip to the point in the opening round. Never afterwards did a knock-out look at all likely for Lake's clever boxing was backed by little effective in the punching line, while Nixon, who is reputed to be a hard hitter, appeared somewhat disconcerted by Lake's clever headwork, and seldom allowed himself the privilege of letting loose with full power. When he did Lake was usually dancing away and Nixon found himself on the ropes.

The army man showed up more strongly from the eighth to the thirteenth round than at any other time, and it seemed he was wearing Lake down. The new champion, however, came back very efficiently in the closing two rounds his victory was well-earned, although there was not a great deal between them at the end.

Mr. J. Scott Harston presented his belt to the winner.

An Excellent Bout.

The tournament was the first of the season under the auspices of the Hongkong Boxing Association. It produced the rare event of the big fight being the best of the evening.

Both Lake and Nixon weighed in at 131½ lbs, though Nixon looked the bigger man. Little time was wasted in settling down. Nixon led off with some two-handed punches most of which found Lake going away undamaged. For a moment Nixon left his jaw unguarded, and Lake whipped in a pretty right which had the effect of sending Nixon to the boards, but no more.

Lake made full use of his speed in the second and landed some nice clean blows at range, dancing away before Nixon could get in a effective counter. Nixon followed up his man and punished Lake about the body during some infighting. Lake played for the body in the third round and in the main got away unscathed. Nixon was fighting with restraint, but the knock-down in the first round had taught him a lesson and his defensive work was excellent.

Exchanges Fairly Even.

Exchanges ran fairly even for several rounds, though Lake was speedier. Nixon took up the aggressive and punished Lake about the body, and he countered Lake's efforts with a nice straight left. Nixon seemed anxious to get to close-quarters, but Lake was content to keep the fight at long range. The men were well matched, and for several rounds there was little to choose between them. Nixon always presented the better target, but his advantage in reach stood him in good stead.

In the fourteenth round, Lake came up strongly from the bel attacking continually and scoring three blows to Nixon's one, darting in his left to face and body before breaking away. Twice he sent Nixon's head back with a jolt, but the soldier continued apparently untroubled. The final round was lively with both men taking punishment. Lake was active in some clinches and at long range was much superior.

The decision was very popular. Both men fought cleanly in the right sporting spirit, and if Lake was cautioned for holding the rope, it is doubtful if he intended to take an unfair advantage.

A Knock-out.

As an introduction to the tournament, the initial bout of the evening was good fare. Sert, Lamont and Stoker Sharples mixed things freely in the first round, the latter surviving a swift and dangerous onslaught at the outset, and scoring frequently with both hands in the subsequent exchanges. Sharples punished his opponent severely in the second round, and brought the fight to a quick conclusion by knocking Lamont out with a left uppercut. Lamont began well enough, but failed to keep it up.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

LADIES SECTION.

A Shanghai Foursomes competition will be held over the New Course at Fanling on Tuesday, 29th November, for prizes kindly presented by Mrs. L. G. S. Dowdell. Conditions are 18 holes medal play, 3/8 of combined handicaps. Players are to choose their own partners and opponents. Post entries.

The entries for the Taggart Challenge Cup will close on 21st November. This competition which is played over the New Course at Fanling, is open to wives and daughters of resident members, under match-play conditions, 3/4 difference of handicap being allowed.

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Byes—Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hornell and Mrs. Piercy.

The first round to be played on or before 16th November.

The 2nd round to be played on or before 23rd November.

The 3rd round to be played on or before 18th December.

The 4th round to be played on or before 30th December.

The 5th round to be played on or before 16th January.

Brisk Scrap.

Although the finer points of the game were much at a discount, Corpl. Frame and Ldg. Seaman Wilson put up six rounds of lively scrapping, and the decision, a draw, was greeted with enthusiasm. Both men showed signs of wear and tear after a gruelling fight. Frame tried rushing his opponent but Wilson stood up and fought back splendidly. Heavy punishment was given and taken, Frame having if anything a slight advantage over the seaman, who was, however, always prepared to mix things.

Huff Defeats Hume.

Boxing with nice judgment and employing a darting left to good purpose, Pte. Huff, R.A.S.C. gained a decision, well-earned, over Pte. Hume, K.O.S.B. Huff boxed as a man of ring experience as opposed to Hume, who relied on grit and stamina to carry him through a hard battle.

Huff rattled his man with swift lefts to the face, and fought coolly and confidently. Hume, who was out-boxed and out-fought in the open, struggled hard to get to close grips, and at in-fighting, he was a trifle superior.

He was always worried by Huff's left, and in the closing stages took a considerable amount of punishment, though he battled on pluckily to the end. Huff was a convincing winner.

A Curious End.

If the low blow which Illingworth protested had put him down for the count was actually struck, very few in the audience saw it. Stoker Britt was awarded the fight on a knock-out in the second round after a rather remarkable incident, particularly as one would suppose Britt to be old enough in ringcraft to know better.

It was obvious from the commencement that Illingworth was outclassed. Britt punished him very much at will, and this bout was uninteresting and one-sided. In the second round Britt rushed at his man, who slipped to one side, Britt falling almost full-length with his head clean through the ropes. Illingworth who had been badly knocked about beforehand suddenly collapsed and was counted out, afterwards claiming that Britt had fouled him in his rush.

Poor But Amusing.

The concluding match sent the audience away in a good humour. Although 22½ heavier than Piper Smith, his opponent, Corpl. George of the Scots Guards, showed little knowledge of even the rudiments of boxing. He may have been afraid to let himself go, at least he had himself pretty well tied up from start to finish. Smith was given the decision though very little fighting took place.

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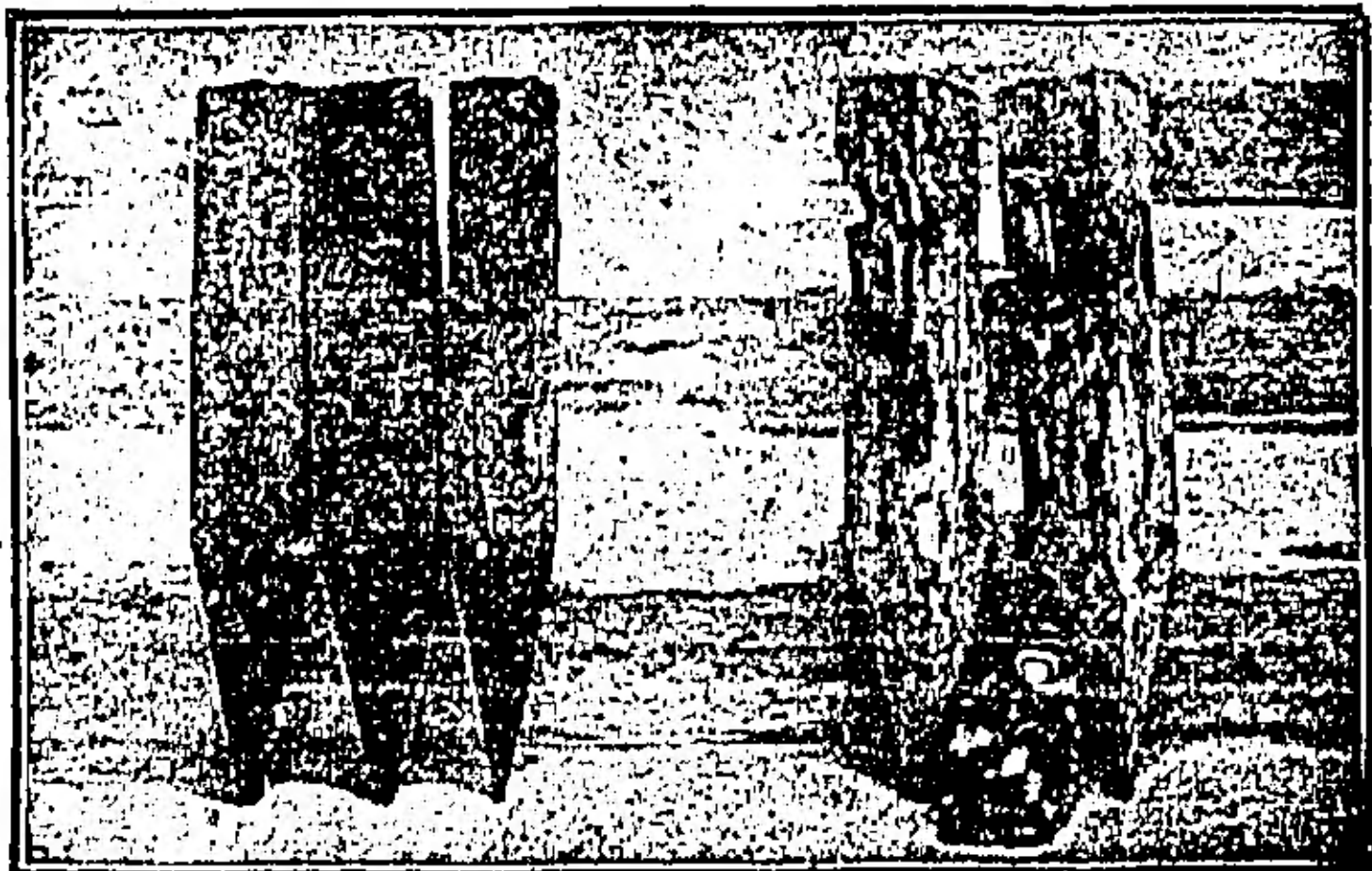
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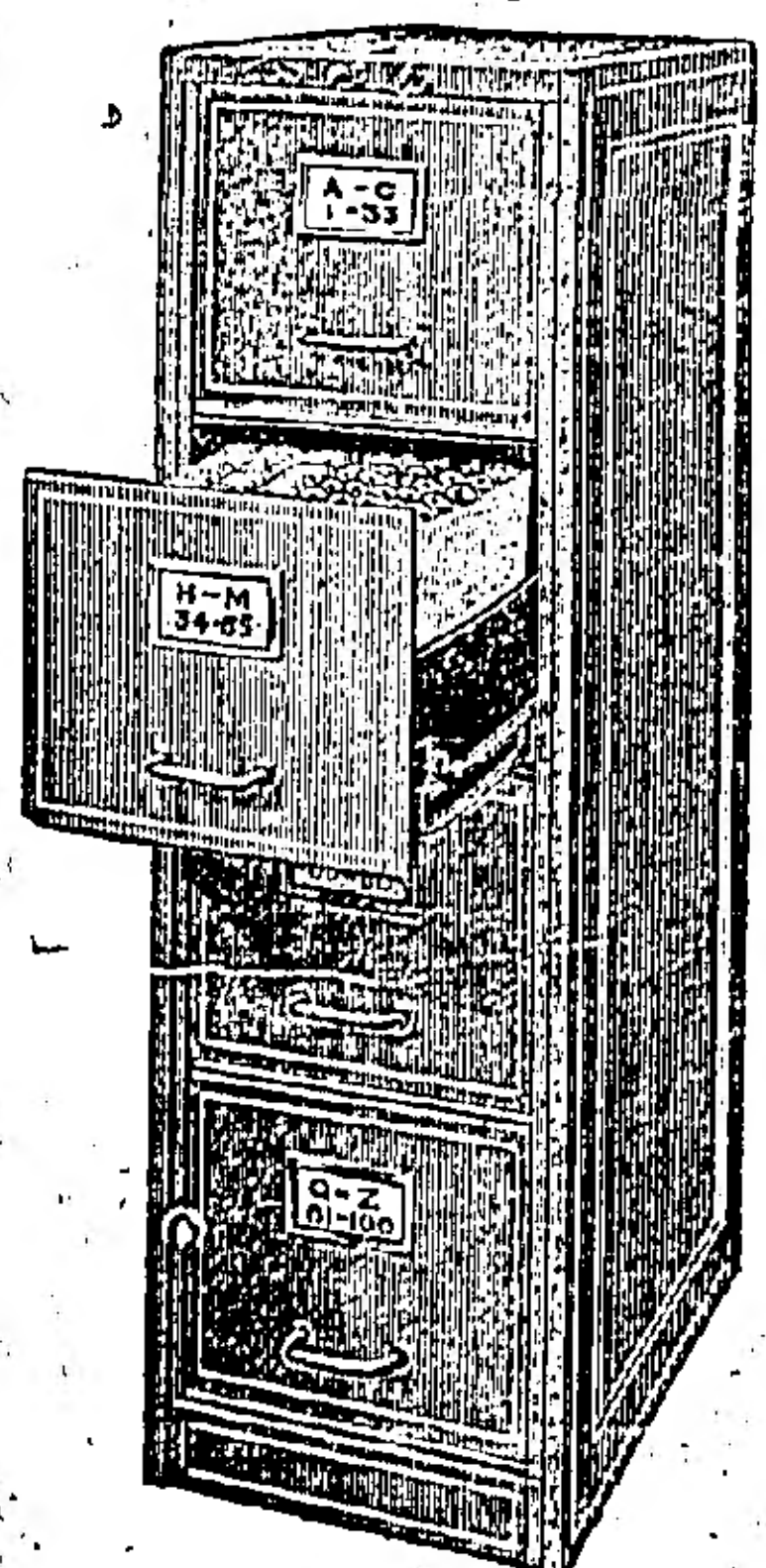
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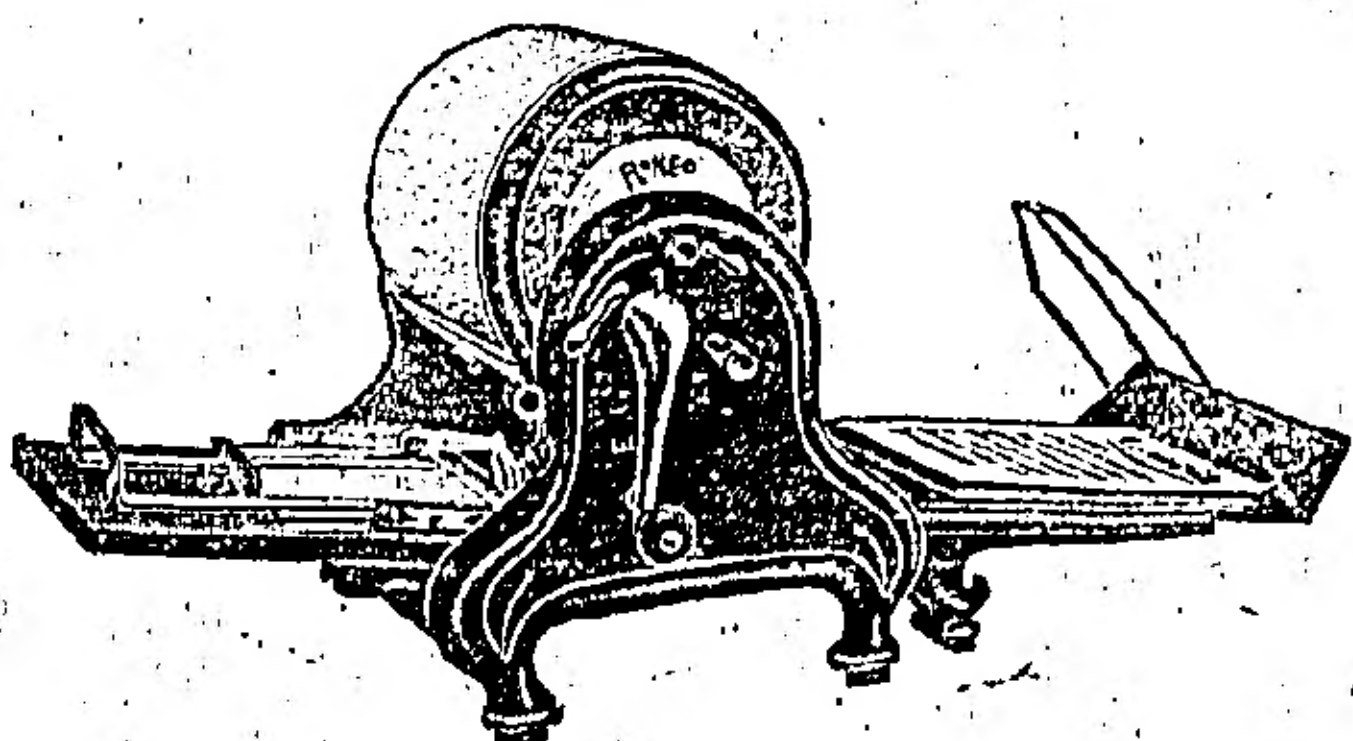


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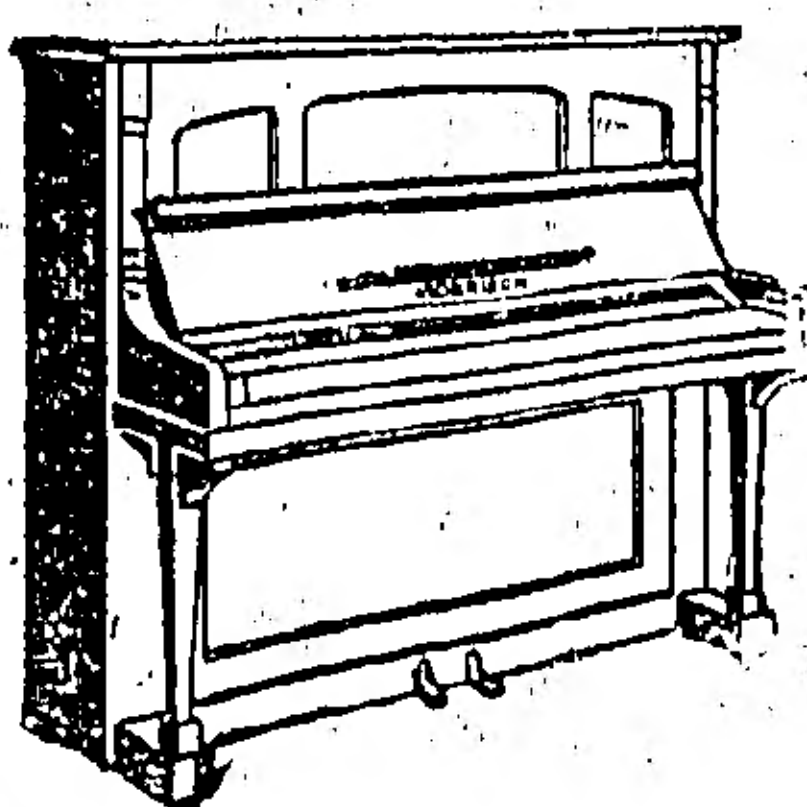
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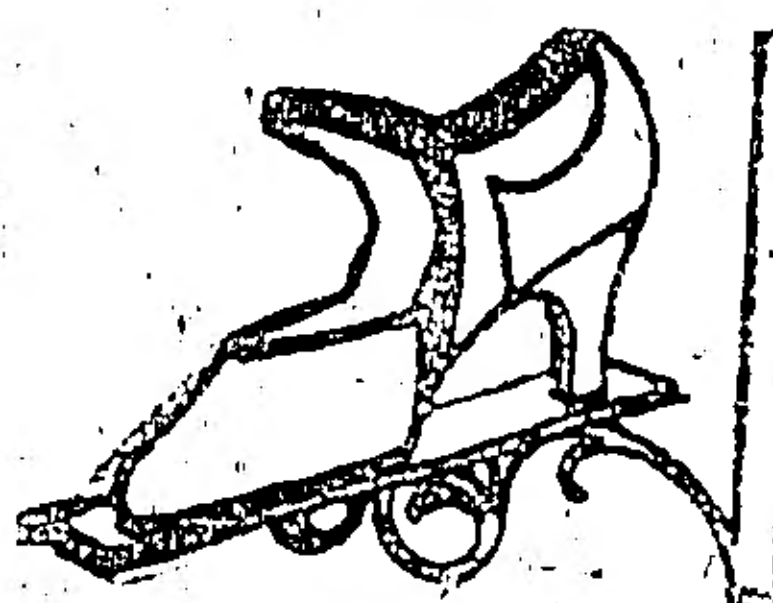
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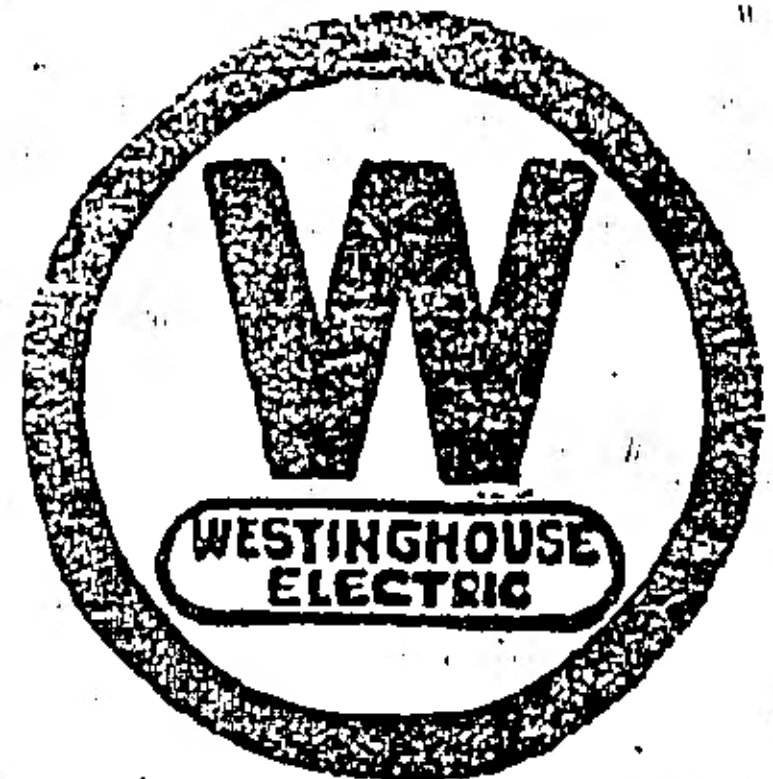
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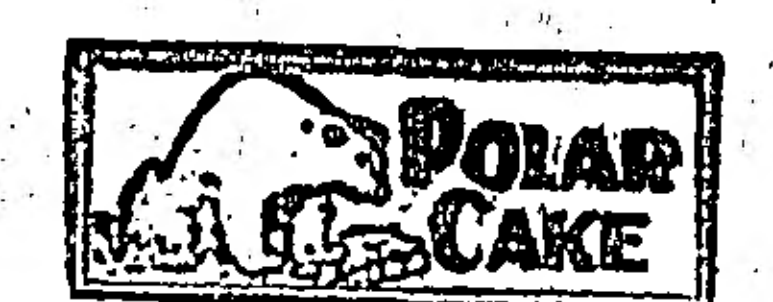
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NEW CANTON GOVERNMENT?

IMPORTANT CHANGES
POSSIBLE.

With the return to Canton of Wang Ching-wei, once a strong supporter of Chiang Kai-shek and later an adherent of the Hankow communist government, and later still a convert from communism, there is much speculation among the political parties as to the ultimate outcome of his re-appearance in the Kwangtung capital.

There are persistent reports that he will, with the support of the family of Sun Yat-sen, establish a new and independent government.

Shanghai, Oct. 30.

There are persistent reports in Chinese circles that Wang Ching-wei has gone to Canton for the purpose of inaugurating a new government of Canton, independent of the present so-called Nationalist Government. In Canton he would be able to rely on the support of Madame Sun Yat-sen and other members of the Sun family, though whether this includes Chiang Kai-shek cannot be ascertained at present.—*Reuter*.

Some Speculations.

The return of Wang Ching-wei to Canton is the topic of the Chinese community and has provoked interesting comments in the vernacular press. One paper declares: "In Canton politicians and militarists are busy themselves making preparations to celebrate the return of Wang Ching-wei on the one hand and to organise the anti-Tang Seng-chi campaign on the other."

"Curiously enough Wang Ching-wei and Tang Seng-chi were once good friends and close allies as leaders of the Hankow Government. One thing that puzzles is whether the supreme military chief of South China, Li Chai-sum, a known Rightist, will be able to co-operate with this Leftist leader, Wang Ching-wei, who, it should be recalled, is the creator of the once famous slogan of the Leftists in the Kuomintang, 'All revolutionaries should turn Left' for those who turn 'Right' will be regarded as non-revolutionaries."

"For three years, it should be remembered, Wang Ching-wei was a chief supporter of the 'reds' in the Kuomintang. 'However, for some unknown reasons he ultimately split with the 'reds,' but it has taken him a long time to realize that the 'red' doctrines are unsuitable for China."

"To Chiang Kai-shek, Wang was also once a faithful and loyal supporter, but after two years he denounced and left Chiang Kai-shek."

"Then he turned to Tang Seng-chi and for half a year they worked together for the Hankow Government. Not until recently did Wang discover that Tang Seng-chi, like Chiang Kai-shek and the 'reds,' was only employing him for personal ends and that they were not working for the good of the Kuomintang cause. He has now returned to Canton hoping that he may be able to co-operate with Li Chai-sum."

"If Wang succeeds in arranging peace with Li Chai-sum and the Leftists, then he may have a chance of becoming chief of the Civil Government in South China, but if he fails then he and all the Leftists may have to clear out."

"Not only Wang Ching-wei but all the politicians of the Kuomintang are servants of the Kuomintang militarists while the latter class is no better than Chang Tso-lin, Sun Chuan-fang and all the confirmed Peking militarists in North China."

Mr. Wang's Programme.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, was interviewed by several reporters of the vernacular press.

When asked what he intended to do in Kwangtung Mr. Wang declared that the first thing to do was to revise the financial system of the province, to have a fixed number of troops, cut down the expenses on war and the army, exterminate banditry, improve the communications of Kwangtung, eliminate the 'reds' and, finally, to restore the Central Executive Committee and the Supervisory Committee of the Kuomintang in Canton, making them the central authority of all the Kuomintang provinces.

He added that he realised the people of China most desired 'peace to conduct their business,' and for this reason his first step would be to eliminate bandits and pirates and protect the people.

Concerning the 'Reds,' Mr. Wang admitted that the Soviet Government desired to frustrate the Kuomintang cause.

His previous actions had been mistaken, ones, but he hoped he would make good with his people in Kwangtung, for it was his desire to make Kwangtung a model province.

AN EXPLANATION.

WHY MR. JENKIN LEFT THE COURT.

Prior to the hearing of the Wing On case on Saturday, in which Messrs. F. C. Jenkin and M. K. Lo were both appearing for the parties concerned, Mr. Jenkin offered an explanation to the Magistrate, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, for leaving the court during Mr. M. K. Lo's speech in a case heard the previous day, when Mr. Lo was defending an assistant of the Netherlands India Commercial Bank who was charged with the forgery of a \$50,000 cheque.

Mr. Jenkin said that he read with both surprise and consternation the evening papers of Friday and he was pleased that the morning papers were more restrained. He was glad to observe that the criticism of his act of leaving the court fell from the lips of the defending solicitor and not from the Bench. Continuing, Mr. Jenkin said that he wished to explain that when the Magistrate discharged the defendant on the prosecution offering no evidence, he was under the impression that his presence in Court was no longer necessary. When Mr. Lo commenced to make a speech, to clear his client as much as a speech could clear a man, he remained behind to listen, but after a while he found Mr. Lo going off in another direction and he thought no good purpose could be served by staying longer. Mr. Jenkin assured his Worship that he had no intention of appearing in the least discourteous to the Bench.

Mr. Lindsell said that at first he was somewhat disconcerted to observe Mr. Jenkin leave the court, but he was quite prepared to accept the explanation and he expressed the hope that Mr. Lo would do the same.

Mr. Lo said that he was taken aback by Mr. Jenkin's sudden departure. He thought that there was no precedent for Mr. Jenkin's action and he said so at the time. Mr. Lo added that he could not remember using the word "outrage."

"It ought to be made quite clear that Mr. Lo did use the word 'outrage,' which fact is testified to by reporters in court who were each taking individual notes. We can assure Mr. Jenkin that our report on Friday was accurate and was not in any way 'unrestrained.' Our description of the incident as 'Court sensation' was precisely what it was, for we think Mr. Jenkin will agree that it is not an everyday affair for one advocate to characterise the action of another as 'an outrage.'—*Ed. H.K.T.*"

WING ON CASE.

DEFENDANT COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

F. Chan was on Saturday committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions on a charge of conspiring with one Yeung (deceased) and others to ruin the trade of the Wing On Company by means of unlawful transfer of part of the business of the Wing On's ship-chandlery department.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin prosecuted on behalf of the Wing On Company, and the defendant was represented by Mr. M. K. Lo.

Chan, in answer to Mr. Jenkin, stated that the price list sent to the Dollar Company was copied from the Wing On's list, simply to facilitate his work.

Mr. Jenkin suggested that the defendant copied Wing On's list in order to undercut them and to this the defendant agreed, adding that the prices were the same as Wing On's prices for 1926.

After Mr. Lo had re-examined the defendant, he addressed the Magistrate. He said that the defendant had answered completely every charge that was brought against him and he felt sure there was no evidence for any jury to convict. Mr. Lo added that if a jury did convict on such evidence, it could not be upheld in the Appeal Court and the verdict would undoubtedly be reversed.

Mr. Lindsell decided to commit the accused.

VISCOUNT CECIL.

EXPLAINS WHY HE LEFT THE GOVERNMENT.

London, Oct. 29. Viscount Cecil, pursuing the League of Nations' propaganda campaign at Durham, said that when the Three Power Conference on Disarmament failed to come to the conclusion that he must leave the Government not in order to attack it but in order to convince his fellow countrymen of the vital importance of disarmament by international agreement. If the resolutions of the League Assembly were carried into full effect in the letter and spirit there would be no need for differences between him and the Government.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE NAVAL REVIEW.

158 WARSHIPS DRAWN UP FOR INSPECTION.

Tokyo, Oct. 30.

Immense crowds from all over the country assembled at every point of vantage this morning to see the greatest naval review ever held since 1919. One hundred and fifty-eight warships, including eight capital ships and 20 cruisers, 72 destroyers and 38 submarines, aggregating over 700,000 tons, and twelve transports participated.

The ships were drawn up in eight parallel lines off Yokohama occupying an area of six miles by two.

The battleship Mutsu with the Emperor aboard, steamed slowly between the lines, while a large number of air craft circled overhead. The inspection lasted over two hours.—*Reuter*.

MOTOR ACCIDENT.

CAR HITS LAMP POST AT HAPPY VALLEY.

Swerving in order to avoid a coolie, motor car No. 392 ran into a lamp post near the public entrance of the Hongkong Jockey Club enclosure yesterday.

The car was proceeding from the Monument in the direction of the Yeung Wo Nursing Home in Wongneichong. When nearing the bend at the public entrance of the Hongkong Jockey Club stands, a coolie came from the Jockey Club premises and got in the way of the car. The driver promptly swerved to avoid the man and ran into a lamp post, which was very badly damaged.

The front portion of the car, as a result of the head-on impact, was also damaged to a very great extent.

PEAK ROBBERY.

HOUSEBREAKER STEALS AN AUTOMATIC.

A report has been made to the police by Mr. J. C. Clark, of No. 1 Chatham Path, The Peak, to the effect that some time between Friday and Saturday morning a thief managed to effect an entry into his bedroom and steal a Japan box containing his will, deeds, contracts, insurance policy and private letters, also \$60 in money.

From a dressing table, the intruder managed to steal three rings, the total value of which is placed at \$200. An automatic pistol and seventy-five rounds of ammunition were also taken. The total haul made by the robber is valued at \$310, but this does not include the documents stolen.

SALT GABELLE.

AUTHORITIES WANT MONEY FOR THE NAVY.

Chefoo, Oct. 29. There is still no end to the trouble over the Salt Gabelle revenue. This money has been demanded by the Chinese in order to meet the cost of maintaining the Northern Chinese navy.—*Naval Wireless*.

LESS UNEMPLOYMENT.

BIG DROP IN GERMANY IN PAST YEAR.

Berlin, Oct. 30.

There were 442,000 thousand men and women in receipt of unemployment relief in Germany on October 15 compared with the maximum of 1,750,000 last year.—*Reuter*.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

LINKING UP BRITAIN AND SWITZERLAND.

London, Oct. 29. The Postmaster General announces that a telephone service is now available between all the principal provincial towns in Britain as well as London and all provincial towns in Switzerland.—*British Wireless*.

SEAPLANE PROGRESS.

FOUR AIR FORCE MACHINES REACH PHALERON.

London, Oct. 30.

The Royal Air Force seaplanes on tour to India, Australia and back to the Singapore base reached Phaleron air station yesterday and proceeded to-day to Alexandria.—*British Wireless*.

BIG PLOT BARRED.

CHINESE POST OFFICE IN JEOPARDY.

Shanghai, Oct. 29.

The North China Daily News, a leader headed "Wrecking the Chinese Post Office" states that several months the Nationalists have been proposing to circumvent the status of the Post Office as laid down by the Washington Agreement by setting up their own Directorate of Posts.

They planned to order Mr. Picard Destelan, co-Director-General, with his staff and archives to move to Nanking and when he refused, to dismiss him by mandate for disobedience then announce that they must set up their own Directorate and take control of all offices in their territory. Mr. Yung-ching's brother-in-law, Wang Pei-chun, was selected as Director-General and Liu, Commissioner for Anhui, as co-Director.

Foreigners First But—

They were favourably inclined to foreign Commissioners in South China being retained until the new system was in working order and tacitly accepted by the Powers after which they were to be eliminated and the service run on the familiar Chinese methods. When revenues declined to a point where the Post Office becomes a The North China Daily News concludes: "In the light of experience we have little hope that the Powers will take adequate steps to forestall the destruction of the Postal Service."—*Reuter*.

UNREST IN SPAIN.

INSURGENTS ACTIVE.

Paris, Oct. 29.

It is reported that 1,500 Catalan or Spanish Republican insurgents from Paris and Brussels crossed the Franco-Spanish frontier and concentrated on the Spanish side of Mount-Camprodon. According to an Echo de Paris report from Perpignan, they are commanded by the famous novelist Blasco Ibanez and Ventura Gassol.

The greatest unrest prevails. It is rumoured that the present plot has a much greater object than a mere separatist movement. Catalonia funds were provided by Catalan centres in South America and Soviet Russia.

Extraordinary precautions are being taken by the authorities on both sides of the frontier.—*Reuter*.

Another Development.

Perpignan, Oct. 30.

A schoolmaster at an encampment in the tiny republic of Andorra in the Pyrenees has been banished following a domiciliary visit which resulted in the discovery of arms and ammunition. It is understood that papers seized showed the schoolteacher acted as an intermediary between Macia and the head of the Catalan movement in Catalonia.—*Reuter*.

NOTED BANKER DEAD.

KILLED WITH WIFE IN A MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Chicago, Oct. 30.

The banker, Mr. John Mitchell, and his wife have been killed in a motor accident.—*Reuter's American Service*.

[Mr. John J. Mitchell was born at Atton, Illinois, in 1853. In 1873 he entered the employ of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank as messenger boy and became President in 1880. He was a trustee and member of the advisory committee of the American Surety Company of New York, a director of the Canadian and American Railway Co., the C. R. I. and the P. R. R. Co., Pittsburgh as well as the Forts Wayne and Chicago Railway Company, Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Western Union Telegraph Company, Pullman & Co., American Telegraph Company, First National Bank of New York, Manhattan Trust Company, New York Trust Company, and the Illinois Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

He was a trustee of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.]

A SINGER'S DIVORCE.

CHALIAPIN APPLIES FOR DISSOLUTION.

Moscow, Oct. 30.

The Court has informed the wife of the well-known singer Chaliapin that her husband has applied for a dissolution of his marriage. He has offered to pay his wife a life annuity of \$300 dollars monthly. The Court will hear the case shortly.

Chaliapin's wife is an ex-artist of the Moscow grand ballet. There are five grown-up children of the marriage, all stage artists.—*Reuter*.

NEW SERIAL STORY

THE MERAFIELD MYSTERY.

By R. A. J. WALLING.

(Author of "The Third Degree," "Fatal Glove," etc.)

CHAPTER XIII.

I had mentioned to Bannister that the local police, being badly at fault, talked about calling in Scotland Yard. When I returned home that evening I found they had already done it.

My wife told me Mason had been ringing from Merafield Tower. Twice in the last ten minutes he had called up, and seemed to be in a state of frantic anxiety.

I got through to him. "Oh, sir," said he, "we're in a dreadful state; two detectives have been here. They say they're men from Scotland Yard. They've been poking about all over the house and pretending to find things out. Atkins had gone off in the car. Immediately he came back they arrested him, and have taken him off to Westport Gaol!"

"Good heavens!" said I. "What have they arrested Atkins for?"

"I don't rightly know, sir. They say it's for being concerned in the murder, although how he could be concerned in the murder, when he was in bed and fast asleep when the murder was done, I can't tell."

"I'll come over and see you after dinner, Mason," said I. "Just like the police," said my wife, when I told her what had happened.

"How?" I asked.

"First they arrest Lady Merafield, who obviously had nothing to do with the death of her husband, and now they arrest Atkins, who couldn't have had anything more to do with it."

"Why?" I inquired.

"For the same reason. He's not that sort of man."

And somehow, though Atkins was a puzzle to me and his proceedings were almost incomprehensible, I was inclined to agree with my wife that he was not that sort of man. However, the detectives must have found something suspicious, or they would certainly not have gone to the length of arresting him.

When I saw Mason the affair became a little clearer. Unconsciously Mason had evidently given to the new investigators the information on which they acted. They appeared to have started without any of the prepossessions that misled the local police. They began the inquiry all over again, saw all the servants, had the story re-told, brought out the hotel in Westport where she was now staying, ransacked the house, made everybody account for his or her movements not only at the time of the murder but since, and then detained Atkins.

Mason had told them that Atkins went out occasionally in the car, mainly looking after its works. They had made him account for every absence he could remember, and then confronted Atkins with these absences, which he had either not cared to explain, or could not remember in detail, Mason did not know which.

At the end of his story I realised that Atkins had not been arrested, but merely detained for inquiries. There was no possible charge to prefer against him. He would be at liberty within a few hours unless the smart men of Scotland Yard were smart enough to discover in ten minutes what I had not been able to discover in days of patient inquiry.

I thought I recognised their method and theory. They judged Atkins to be a rather superior sort of chauffeur, who, if he were sufficiently frightened, would give away everything he knew.

But I urged Atkins to be not that sort of man. The trouble for him was that, once attention had been drawn to him in this way, he would be unable to move a yard without being shadowed. The diligence of the Scotland Yard men made my own job none the more easy. If there was one thing I did not want it was to have Atkins under suspicion. It would impede that reckoning between us which had to come. It would slow down my approach to that explanation of the Merafield affair which was forming in my mind.

Also, there was no knowing what the Scotland Yard men would do even if Atkins, as was certain, gave them no assistance. They might even nose out Mrs. Briscoe. And that would be fatal to my plans.

So I reflected, with the agitated Mason standing by and looking dolefully at me. At length I asked him:

"Mason, do you remember whether Atkins took out the car on the Wednesday—you know, the day Sir Charles stayed here?"

"Yes, sir, I remember very well. Sir Charles sent for Atkins to his

room, and Atkins got some instructions. I don't know what they were, but he got out the big car at once and went off. I remember, because Lady Merafield wanted the car in the afternoon, and I had to tell her that Atkins had it out. When I said should I ask Sir Charles whether Atkins would be back in time to take her, she said 'No, I wasn't to bother about it.'

"When was that? In the morning?"

"Yes," said Mason. "It was before mid-day. Atkins got home about six o'clock in the evening. He had picked up Major Overbury at Merafield bridge and brought him home with the fishing gear."

"Oh, yes," said I. "Major Overbury had been out fishing that day. What luck did he get?"

"No luck at all, sir. He said it was a very bright day and the water was low, and he hadn't touched a fish for the day."

It was possible, of course. But in view of my theories vaguely shaping themselves, it was on the cards that there was an understanding between Atkins and Overbury to do something else than thrash the water of the river Mera that day.

If I could be certain whether the pseudo-chauffeur and Overbury were acquainted before the visit to Merafield, I should be fairly certain of other things. And one of them was that if he mounted a fly at all that day, Overbury was not on the banks of the river very long.

I looked thoughtfully at Mason, who seemed to cling to me as the solid fact in a dissolving world.

I was pre-occupied with a question: how would this mishap affect Atkins? And Atkins affect Mrs. Briscoe? And the arrangements Atkins had been making with Mrs. Briscoe that afternoon? And, above all, the man whom Atkins had taken into the garden at Highcliff Farm?

It was likely to affect them all. Whatever purpose they had in maintaining secrecy, they would be able to preserve it very little longer. For I was convinced that soon or later the agents of Scotland Yard would discover Mrs. Briscoe. What I had found fairly easy would not present much difficulty to them. I must remark again that only the prepossessions of the local police, their obstinate conviction that the Merafield affair was a plain and straightforward crime of rather sordid passion, had prevented them from following up the clues that undoubtedly existed in abundance for expert brains.

I turned again to Mason.

"I don't think they are likely to keep Atkins very long, Mason," said I. "I should not be surprised if you saw him back to-night. Would you mind telephoning to me at half-past ten to say whether he is home or not?"

On Mason's ready promise to do this I returned to Rosebank. My wife had retired when Mason rang through at half-past ten. Atkins had not returned, and there had been no message about him.

If I was to carry my theories into action, I had to get immediate news of Atkins. Hitherto I had avoided any direct relations with the police, for the obvious reason that no policeman could ever possibly understand why I had mixed myself up in the matter at all. Here, however, there was an opportunity of getting into touch with them without danger of suspicion.

I telephoned to Grainger, the detective-inspector.

"I hear from Mason, at Merafield Tower," I said to him, "that you've another prisoner for the court in the morning. I rang up because no arrangements have been made for the attendance of magistrates."

"There won't be any court in the morning, Mr. Frank," said Grainger.

"But why not? You can't keep the man more than a night without charging him."

"Of course. But there won't be any charge, Mr. Frank."

I began to see daylight. There was a tone about Grainger that nobody could mistake. As he himself would probably have said, the Scotland Yard men had "barged in" and taken the law into their own hands. Grainger thought they had made what he would call a "blooper." I felt confident that Grainger hoped they had.

"What happened?" I asked.

"Two officers down from the Yard," said Grainger, "detained Atkins, the chauffeur, if you can imagine some men doing such a thing—insist on detaining him till to-morrow. They've got hold of

LAWN BOWLS.

A FRIENDLY MATCH.

A friendly lawn bowls match between teams representing the Dairy Farm and the East Point Recreation Club was played at the East Point club on Sunday afternoon, when the Dairy Farm team won by four shots. The scores were:—

Dairy Farm	East Point
J. D. Thomson.	F. Samways.
J. Vickers.	A. Webster.
A. Hanlon.	E. Whitford.
W. Macfarlane.	W. Lee (skip) 18
(skip) 28	J. Hampton.
D. McWhirter.	G. M. Shaw.
J. B. Hayes.	A. T. Hamilton.
A. Stevenson.	A. Henderson.
A. Macfarlane.	(skip) 23
(skip) 17	(skip) 41
Total 45	Total 43

some precious clue—I don't think very mysterious about it. Going off at midnight to follow it up, however, I shouldn't worry, Mr. Frank. I don't think you will be bothered with a court in the morning. I anything happens I'll ring you first thing."

I thanked him and rang off. Then, so far from agreeing with Grainger about the quality of the gentlemen from Scotland Yard, I had to confess that I thought them rather smart. The question for me was whether I could be smarter.

There was just a chance that I might, because I had an hour's start of them at least. I perceived why they insisted on keeping Atkins overnight, although they had made no charge against him. I perceived also why they had put off their mission that evening till midnight. Even in a warm night of summer the light was not very good at midnight. It was sound policy from their point of view.

But it was fortunate for me. At a quarter to eleven I had got my car out, and swung it into the narrow road that led to Highcliff Farm. Before eleven o'clock I was walking across the little lawn again and knocking at the door.

Eleven o'clock is late in the country. The house was dark except for a glimmer in one room on the ground floor.

A head was put out at an upstairs window in answer to my knock.

"Who on earth is that?"

It was the voice of the young woman who had served me with cider a few hours before.

"It is Mr. Frank," said I. "I am sorry to disturb you, but it is urgent that I should see the lady you have staying with you. Will you say I have been asked to bring her a most important message?"

The head was withdrawn, and I heard footsteps in the house.

Presently the door was opened. The young woman stood there holding a candle. She had thrown some garments hurriedly over her nightgown.

"It's almost inexcusable," said I, "to bother you in this way. Only the most urgent reasons would have made me do it."

"Never mind that, Mr. Frank," said she. "Only I'm afraid Mrs. Briscoe does not like the idea of receiving a visitor so late."

"If she will listen to me for one minute, tell her, she will not regret it. If she doesn't, she will regret it very deeply."

"Will you wait a minute? I will tell her," said the young woman. Within the minute I was conducted into the farmhouse parlour, where Mrs. Briscoe sat in the same wicker chair I had occupied in the garden. The room was filled with the perfume of Turkish cigarettes, and she held in her hand the same yellow-backed "Marcel Proust" I had discovered under the cushion.

She was a type I should like to have studied had there been time—the type of the ultra-modern young woman about whom I had read but had never encountered. I was to learn more of her, but just now there were many things to do and only an hour to do them in. The first was to establish in her mind the fact that I had come with no hostile purpose.

"Mrs. Briscoe, I began—

"How do you know my name?"

"The young woman just mentioned it, as a matter of fact, but I knew it before. How I knew, I can tell you when there is more time. I want to assure you that I come to see you in a friendly way, and not to pry into anything you want kept secret. The important thing is that you are, I believe, in great and immediate danger, and if there is a way out of it for you I am willing to help."

She looked at me very keenly and steadily for a full half-minute. This was a young woman not quickly rattled and not easily deceived.

"You seem to be a gentleman," she said, still looking straight at me; "but you have hardly been doing a gentleman's job, have you?"—trying to catch me at Dr. Sandys' and spying me out here this afternoon?

This was direct enough! "Well," said I, "that's as may appear in due time. But I want to tell you a piece of news, which is bound to be unpleasant, without causing you any unnecessary pain. There were two detectives from Scotland Yard at Merafield Tower

CATCHING STRAY DOGS.

SHANGHAI'S IMPROVED METHODS.

In view of criticism, mostly ill-informed, of the methods adopted by the Police to capture stray dogs, which has recently appeared in the Press, it is interesting to observe the results of the new system introduced in August last, whereby stray dogs are collected in two motor vehicles operating North and South of the Soochow Creek respectively, says the Shanghai Municipal Gazette. The two Ford trucks are allotted to two or more police districts daily and are under the direction of foreign sergeants or constables.

During September 544 dogs were seized as compared with 140 and 174 during the corresponding months in 1925 and 1926, and apart from the much improved results, due no doubt to a great extent to foreign supervision, there is a considerable saving in man power, only 4 coolies being employed compared with 24 under the old system and one foreigner against 12 Chinese Constables.

It may be as well to point out that no rewards are paid to dog coolies or others engaged in this work.

HOCKEY.

H.M.S. "TAMAR" v. H.K.H. CLUB.

The following will represent the Club at King's Park on Tuesday, 1st November, at 5 p.m. sharp:—W. J. Lockhart Smith, L. A. R. Duncan, L. F. Nicholson, Major J. P. Greig, Rev. J. P. Murray, Rev. N. Evans, A. E. Pritchard, W. R. Greenhalgh, Capt. Jacobs-Larkson, W. A. Nowers and B. W. Sampson.

DYNAMITE HIDDEN.

WOMAN HEAVILY SENTENCED.

A fine of \$100, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment, was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a married Chinese woman who was charged with having in her possession at an unnumbered house at Kap Shek Nei Village, 35 sticks of dynamite and 1,600 detonators.

The defendant admitted the contraband was in her house but stated that it belonged to her husband who had a permit to possess the dynamite and detonators, which he used for blasting stones.

Sub Inspector Fallon, prosecuting, said that the detonators were found concealed among some hidden while the dynamite was found hidden under fire wood in the kitchen.

On seeing the goods discovered by the police, the defendant attempted to escape.

When questioned by his Worship, the defendant replied that her husband had gone away somewhere. Later, however, she said that her husband did not actually have a permit but the person who gave him the dynamite, must have had a permit.

The defendant was convicted and, as stated, was fined \$100.

this afternoon. When Atkins, the chauffeur, got back from his drive wherever he had been, he was detained by them and taken to the police station at Westport. He is still detained there."

I had noted the little gasp she gave, but she did not turn colour—a well-plucked girl.

"And why do you come and tell me this?"

"Not for my own amusement, you may be sure," said I. "I thought you would be interested. I am certain you ought to be interested. Consider—it is impossible for Atkins to communicate with you; I have done it instead."

"But still, Mr. Frank," said she, "I do not see why. You are a gentleman in an official position."

"Yes," said I impatiently; "but I have told you I did not come here to talk about myself. Listen, Mrs. Briscoe. Atkins is, I think, in no danger. If I know anything of him, the police will obtain no clues from him to whatever it is they want to discover. But they have a trail. They are starting out upon it at midnight. I am as certain as if I were inside their minds that it will lead them to this door, and that they will be here before one o'clock."

"Ah!" she exclaimed.

This time she was started, but she did not lose her composure. She looked at the wrist watch she wore.

"A quarter past eleven," she said, "and you are prepared to help me? It is very strange."

"It may seem strange to you," I replied, "but there it is, I want to help you."

"What do you know of me?"

"Nothing at all—I want to know nothing. There are other reasons why I wish to help you to avoid an interview with the detectives—reasons of my own, friendships of my own."

(To be Continued.)

BRAVE OFFICERS.

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piracy and other perils of the sea, and welcome any effort made to this end.

I was on Home leave when the Sunning piracy took place, and the arrangements in connection with this presentation have been left in the capable hands of Mr. W. Wakeford Cox, manager of the South British Insurance Co. Ltd., and Mr. T. A. Clark, of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, and I am sure you will join me in an expression of appreciation for the satisfactory way in which these gentlemen have dealt with the matter.

There has necessarily, and for various reasons, been a long interval between the actual happening of the piracy and this gathering, but the gallantry and courage shown will be still fresh in your memories.

The Officers' Thanks.

We are sorry not to have Mr. Deuty with us to-day, but his duties keep him down South, and the Hongkong Association is thus afforded the opportunity of joining with us by making the presentation to him. Fortunately both Mr. Hurst and Mr. Cormack are able to be with us, and I have much pleasure in making the presentations to them. I may mention that the recipients have chosen their own mementoes. Our best wishes for their future welfare and success go with the gifts.

Following the presentation the two officers expressed their gratitude to the Marine Underwriters' Association. Mr. Hurst remarking modestly that anyone in the same circumstances would have done the same.

Among those in attendance at the ceremony were Mr. C. M. G. Burns, Union Insurance Society of Canton; Mr. W. H. Trenchard-Davis, Commercial Union Assurance Co.; Mr. T. A. Fisher, B. and S. Mr. A. W. Slater, chairman of the Shanghai Fire Insurance Society of Canton; Mr. C. E. Maligny, New Zealand Insurance; Mr. A. R. Harris, Sun Insurance Office; Mr. W. Dexter, South British Insurance Co.; Mr. A. C. Hay, North China Insurance Co.; Mr. W. C. Bond, B. and S.; Mr. J. W. Pilcher, Eastern United Insurance; Mr. F. R. Barry, Employers' Liability Assoc. Co.; Mr. J. Breen, Assurance Franco-Asiatique; Mr. F. R. Lambe, B. and S.; Mr. F. W. James, B. and S.; Mr. R. N. Swann, Beck and Swann; Mr. H. C. Sonneren, Java Sea and Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.; Mr. O. G. Blom, Blom and Van Der Aa; and Mr. L. M. Howe, American Asiatic Underwriters Co.

SOCIETY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

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poor girls attending this School, and in 1926 the amount so expended was \$227.60.

Under the head of Education the Society spent for the nine months—January to September 1927—\$201.68 for books and Stationery, and \$37.00 for bus and ferry fares for poor children living at a distance from school. The total expenditure for education in 1926 was \$4,081.29.

The Council welcomes the establishment in Hongkong of an Industrial School, conducted by the Salesian Fathers. The excellent work done by these Fathers throughout the world in the education and industrial training of youth is well known. They have a large house in London, at Battersea, and many other establishments in Great Britain. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Hongkong has always experienced considerable difficulty in finding employment for boys who have received no training in any trade, and the opening of this Industrial School in the Colony should go a long way towards relieving the Society of this difficulty.

St. Joseph's Home.

In our last year's report we stated that the Little Sisters of the Poor had acquired a property at Ngau Chi Wan—near Kowloon City—and that the buildings thereon were being converted into suitable quarters for the aged poor of both sexes. The Council is pleased to announce that this new and enlarged Home has started its career of usefulness. It has accommodation for 100 inmates, and later on when times are better the Little Sisters hope to extend the building, so as to be able to relieve a greater number of the aged poor.

Help Hongkong's Poor. In presenting this brief record of the Society's work during the year the Council feels that it can again appeal with confidence to the generosity of the Hongkong public—both on the occasion of the Street Sale of Roses on Thursday, 1st December, and at the "Al Fresco Fete" which will be held this year on the 4th December. The Society depends almost entirely on these two public appeals for the maintenance and extension of its work among the poor of this Colony.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, November 5th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

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LOCAL TENNIS.

L. R. C. TOURNAMENT.

The following is the result of the semi-finals of the Ladies' Open Championship Singles:—

Miss E. Lo beat Mrs. Grigor, 6-3, 6-4.

Mrs. E. Grimbale beat Mrs. Miles, 6-2, 6-3.

The finals of the qualifying round will be played off at the U. S. R. C. on Friday, 4th November at 3.30 p.m. Miss E. Lo v Mrs. E. Grimbale. Ladies' Club Championship Singles.—The following is the result of the 2nd round:—

Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. Grigor, Mrs. Miles beat Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Hall beat Miss Carrothers, Mrs. D. Browne beat Mrs. Remington.

Gentlemen's Club Singles.—The following is the result of the 3rd round:—

Col. Russell Brown beat G. H. Bond, Rev. Alexander beat Major W. B. Stevenson, G. W. Sewell beat H. R. Remington, R. E. Tottenham beat C. Grove.

Mixed Handicap Doubles.—The result of the 3rd round:—

Mr. and Mrs. Grigor (Scr.) beat T. Lanyon & Miss Carrothers, Mr. and Mrs. C. Grove (-1/6) beat Mr. and Mrs. James (Scr.), Mr. and Mrs. Remington (Scr.) beat Mr. and Mrs. Martin (-1/4/6).

Mixed Doubles Club Championship.—The following is the result of the 2nd round:—

Mr. and Mrs. Stark w.o. "Bat and Ball," T. Lanyon and Miss Carrothers beat L. M. S. Lloyd and Mrs. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Tottenham beat A. D. Humphreys and Mrs. James, Mr. and Mrs. Grigor beat Mr. and Mrs. Remington.

The Committee will be "At Home" to members and their friends at the Club ground, Peak Road, on Wednesday, 9th November, when the Hard Court Finals will be played off, commencing at 3 p.m.

MALARIA AND ITS EFFECTS.

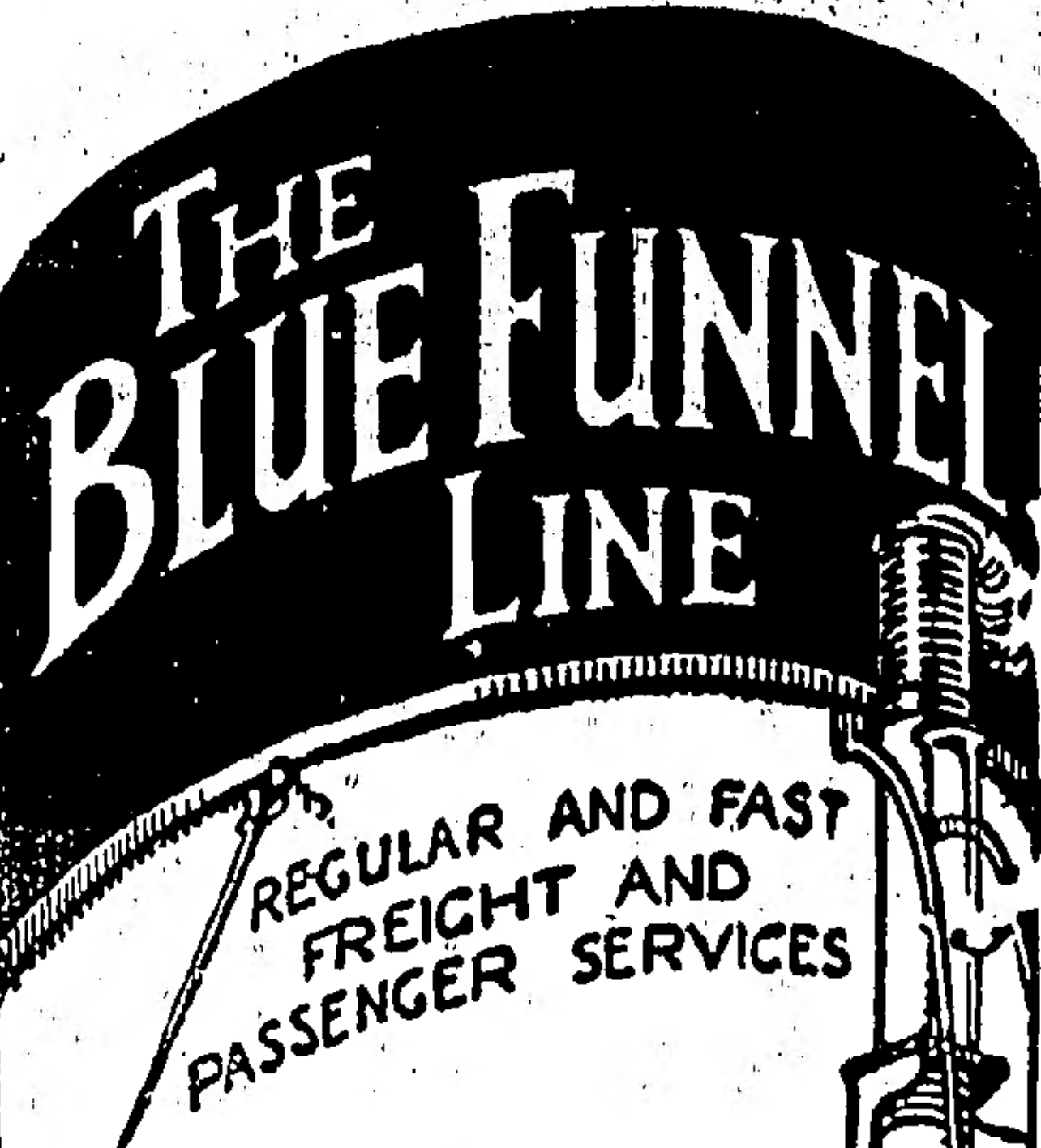
During the Great War many soldiers who escaped gas, bullets and death returned home with health shattered by disease. To sufferers from malaria the experience of one of them, Mr. Jones, of 54 Grove Park, Colwyn Bay, will be of especial interest.

"It was in 1916, when I was out in Mesopotamia, that I had the first attack of Malaria," explained Mr. Jones in an interview. "I came back to England very weak and ill. My health declined rapidly, and added to the attacks of malaria were the miseries of nervous debility and low spirits. I had pains in the head, and could seldom get a good night's sleep. My appetite was very bad and I could hardly eat anything."

"During these four years of misery I was under the care of seven different doctors. They said that I was suffering from indigestion and anaemia. I tried several remedies but they proved of no avail. It was the beginning of last summer that I had the last attack of malaria, and it proved a very severe one. I was home for six weeks in a terrible condition; it was then that some friends advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I commenced their use."

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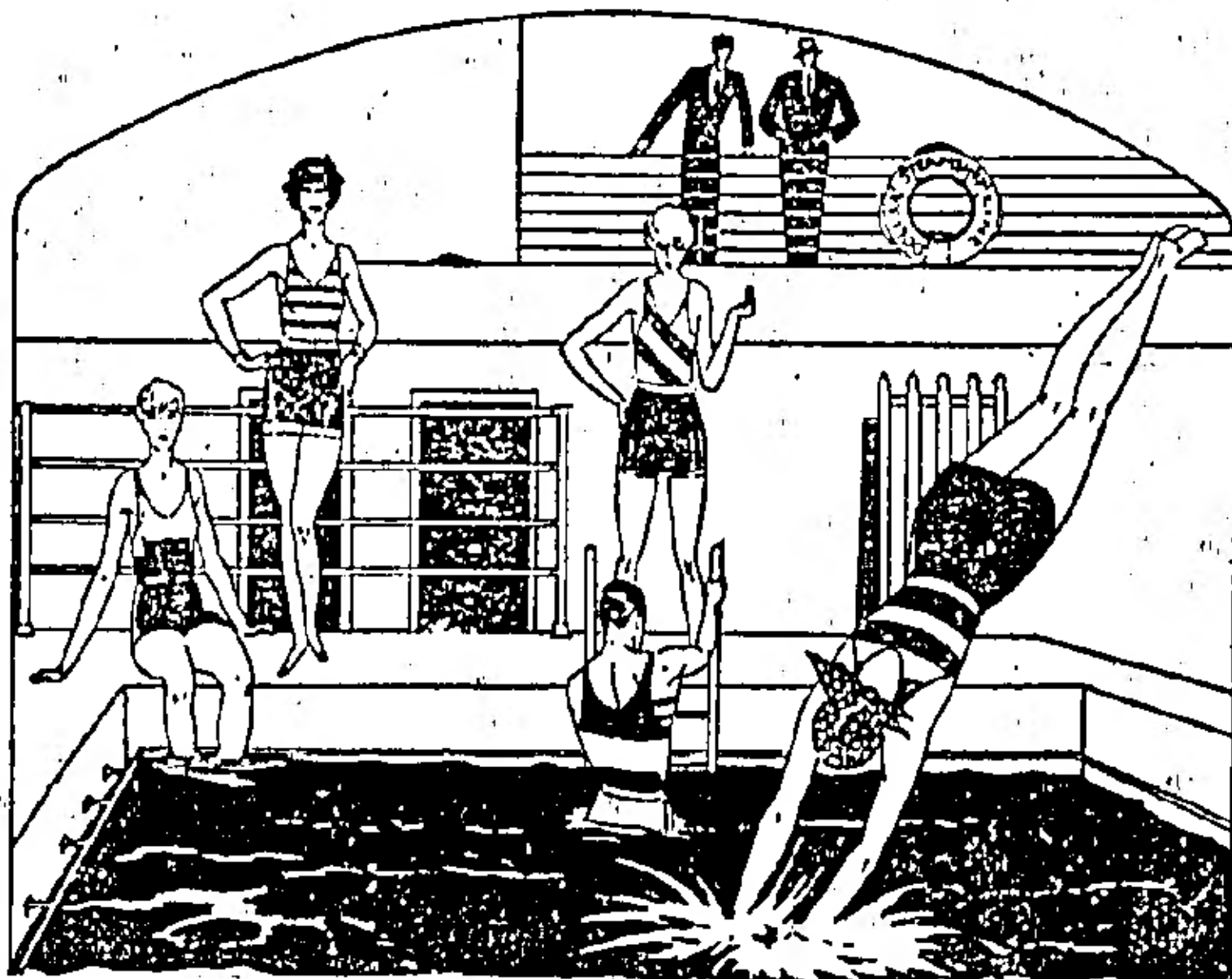
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IN BANKRUPTCY.

CHIEF JUSTICE REPRIMANDS A TRUSTEE.

Chan Ying-kwong, a trustee in charge of the affairs of Chan Ying-chee, was censured in the Bankruptcy Court on Saturday, when it was discovered that an amount of \$1,501.99 was being used by the trustee in connexion with a private Court action of his own in Canton. The Official Receiver indicated that the affair was discovered when it was learned that for some considerable time no money was paid out by the trustee although it was known that money had been paid to him.

His Lordship mentioned that the matter was unfortunate, and said he would not like to do anything more at that stage than to order the amount to be paid into Court within seven days.

A creditor who placed an assistant on the premises of the debtor firm and prevented the disposal of goods after the act of Bankruptcy, was reprimanded for his act by His Lordship. The creditor explained that he adopted this procedure because he learned that the partners of the debtor firm had left the Colony. His Lordship remarked that the creditor had no right to do what he had done and added that such acts gave rise to suspicion.

"Ling Nam" Case.

A receiving order was allowed in the case of the petition of the former comrade of the "Ling Nam," whose assets were stated to be worth \$336 and liabilities \$11,000. His Lordship, in allowing the petition, stated that he knew something of the circumstances of the case, which he thought was a very hard one for the comrade.

The debts incurred by the comrade were due largely to the fact that he could not collect any of the \$30,000 due by the owners of the "Ling Nam," who were compelled to sell the vessel and had no means of meeting all the creditors.

The Wantai Garage and Li Hoi-san, the proprietor, were adjudicated Bankrupt and the Official Receiver was appointed trustee.

Due to the number of cases before the Court, the public examination of Madame Flint and M. Durand in respect of the Cafe Parisien was deferred until this morning, when there will be a special Bankruptcy Court sitting.

PASSENGERS' SAFETY.

POWERS AND A REVISION OF THE AGREEMENT.

London, Oct. 30.
 Great Britain has notified the Powers that a revision and amplification of the agreement among seafaring nations dealing principally with the safety of passengers at sea is necessary as a result of experience gained since the agreement was concluded in London in 1914. Britain has made definite proposals in connexion with the agreement which will be fully discussed at the proposed conference in London.

AT THE CHEER 'O.

ENJOYABLE SCOTTISH ENTERTAINMENT.

The Scottish helpers of the Cheer 'O Canteen provided a Hallo- we' on night on Friday, which was much enjoyed by the large number present.

Mrs. T. Hamilton, who had helped with the preparations for the evening, was unavoidably absent on account of indisposition. Mrs. C. P. F. James started the Programme with community singing. The band which was to have supplied the dance music did not arrive, but their place was taken by volunteers whose efforts were much appreciated. Mrs. James and Mr. Brown were at the piano. Later in the evening, some members of the band arrived and the dancing went with a swing.

During the interval, refreshments were served. The event of the evening was the haggis, which was carried round shoulder high by Mr. A. T. Hamilton, accompanied by Piper Slattery, who gave the function the Scottish touch required.

On the verandah, tubs of water were placed, with apples floating in them, and non-dancers amused themselves trying to snap at them.

Lucky dips were provided for the ladies and Service men. Miss Wells, Miss Bird, and Miss Bewley won prizes. The fortunate men were Messrs. Bell and King, of the K.O.S.B., and a lance-corporal of the Queen's Regiment, a reservist. The prizes were kindly given by Mr. H. J. Lamb.

PRINCESS ANNOYED.

COMMENTS ON MARRIAGE WITH A RUSSIAN.

Bonn, Oct. 29.
 Alexander Zoubkoff, the Russian scion of a minor Russian noble family, whose marriage next week to Princess Schaum-Burglippe will give him the ex-Kaiser as a brother-in-law, has issued an indignant denial of the report that he once earned his living as a dancing partner and wishes the statement contradicted as it "annoys the Princess." He insists also on a correction of his age—"he is not twenty-three but twenty-eight."

The bride, who is sixty-two, bitterly complains of Press attacks as regards the disparity in age and says that experience compensates him for what he lacks in age.—*Reuter.*

TREBITSCH LINCOLN.

IN PEKING DISGUISED AS A BUDDHIST?

London, Oct. 29.
 The Westminster Gazette learns that Trebitsch Lincoln, the M.P., who acted as an enemy spy during the war, has arrived in Peking disguised as a Buddhist. It is believed that he is trying to persuade the Panshem Lama to facilitate his entering India via Tibet.—*Reuter.*

COMPANY MEETING.

PROSPECTS OF GRAND HOTEL DES WAGONS LITS.

The annual meeting of the Grand Hotel Des Wagons Lits was held at the Board Room of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., at Exchange Building on Saturday. There were present, Mr. J. H. Taggart (Managing Director) in the chair, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, E. M. Raymond, F. H. Suckling, W. J. Hawker (Directors), A. W. Smith, J. Fleming, P. I. Newman, T. R. Parsons, E. Pepperill, C. L. V. Ribeiro, J. P. Bourne, C. E. White (Shareholders) and Mr. F. C. Barry (Secretary).

Those present represented holders of 5,266 shares.

The Chairman then addressed the meeting, the speech being given in our issue of Saturday.

The adoption of the reports and accounts was seconded by Mr. J. Fleming, and carried unanimously.

Directors Re-elected.

On the proposal of Mr. A. W. Smith seconded by Mr. P. I. Newman, the election of Messrs. P. H. Suckling and R. W. Skinner as Directors of the Company was confirmed, and Messrs. J. Scott Harston and W. J. Hawker were re-elected Directors of the Company.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors of the Company at a remuneration of \$350, on the proposal of Mr. E. Pepperill seconded by Mr. T. R. Parsons.

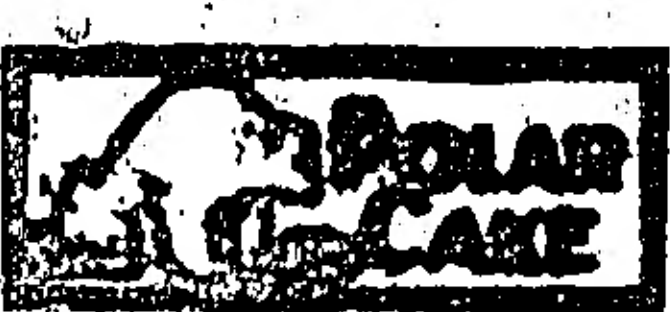
MAFALDA WRECK.

DEATH ROLL BETWEEN 300 AND 350.

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 29.
 The Dutch steamer Alena has arrived here bringing in 531 survivors from the Italian liner Principessa Mafalda. The French steamer Mosella, conveying 300 survivors, has arrived at Bahia. An authoritative connected story of the disaster is still unobtainable as the rescued are necessarily unable to visualise the horrors of the wreck as a whole. A saloon passenger aboard the Mosella confirms that huge sharks caused havoc among swimmers and searchlights were used to dazzle the monsters. Another passenger saw armless and legless bodies floating on the surface.—*Reuter.*

The Death Roll.

London, Oct. 29.
 From latest reports it is now feared that between 300 and 350 lives were lost in the wreck of the Italian liner Principessa Mafalda off Bahia on Tuesday night.—*British Wireless.*



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THE CAFE PARISIEN
FAILURE.

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\$40,000 "GIFT."

Mr. Agassiz:—From particulars I have here, it is stated that \$126,775 was advanced to Madame Flint, and \$40,000 was advanced to you. You say, I understand, that the \$40,000 was a present to you?—Yes.

Do you suggest any reason why Mrs. Stephens should make you presents of these amounts?—Because I was looking after the affairs. Besides, Madame Flint was the nurse of Mrs. Stephens, and I had to take the place of Madame Flint.

You think that was the reason for advancing you \$40,000?—I think so. You know, of course, it is denied that the money was a gift and you are being sued for it?—Yes, I am in the same position as others.

M. Durand was here going on with an involved explanation when His Lordship intervened.

M. Durand:—Yes, Your Worship. Sir Henry Gollan—I am not Your Worship.

M. Durand:—Yes, Your Lordship.

His Lordship:—You say it was given to you?—Yes.

Mr. Agassiz:—The cafe has been run at a loss ever since it was opened?—I don't think we have lost a lot because when we applied for a petition in bankruptcy we had about \$200,000 worth of furniture and goods.

His Lordship:—Is the cafe still being run?—Yes.

Mr. Agassiz:—No, My Lord, it is closed.

Never Paid Expenses.

Mr. Agassiz:—I suggest that the cafe has never, during one single month, since it was opened, paid its expenses and I have the figures here, from your own books?—I agree that the cafe has never paid, because we must consider that for three months we had no licence. If you have no wines how can you make money?

Yes, I think there was some trouble with the police?—Yes, everybody knows about it in Hongkong. It was cut off for three months and we lost a lot of money.

I am going to put it to you that the total loss on the cafe from July 1927, to September 1927, exclusive of the rent, was \$77,000?—Nearly, but the loss of the licence should be counted.

His Lordship:—Was the licence renewed after three months?—It was renewed by the Governor, without going through the Licensing Board.

Mr. Agassiz:—Even after the licence was renewed the cafe failed to pay?—The last month we were in made \$11,700.

M. Durand continued to make complaints against certain people, but his Lordship, interrupting, reminded him that it was very easy to make charges, but it was a very dangerous thing to do.

Mr. Agassiz:—The receipts for the month of August, your last month, were \$9,677?—Yes.

And your total expenses for that month were \$10,877 for the cafe?—Yes, but I don't think that is only for the cafe. I think it is for the other businesses as well.

His Lordship:—Does that include the rent of the cafe?—Yes.

Mr. Agassiz:—No, My Lord. Simply wages, out of pocket expenses, light and food, wines, etc.

Summer Time.

Mr. Agassiz:—There was a small loss on that month?—That is in summer time when people go out and do not stay in the cafe.

His Lordship:—But still there was a small loss?—Yes.

Mr. Agassiz:—With regard to the Beauty Parlour there was a loss of \$3,214?—Yes.

The Au Chic dress making business in Pedder Street, from January 1926 until January 1927 shows a profit of \$3,149?—Yes. For the conditions in Hongkong it is quite a success, as there are not many who do this kind of work.

When was the grocery shop opened?—About ten months ago. There they also cut our licence and stopped our selling wines. What is the reason?—I am sorry I have not got a solicitor to defend me in this case.

As regards the grocery there was a loss of \$9,700?—Yes. As a matter of fact that is exclusive of the rent? We never sold anything there because we could not sell wines.

Then you acquired a machine for cleaning out ships' tubes?—Yes. You brought that out here and I think it was with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company that you got certain additional accessories which cost about \$1,800?—Yes.

New Undertaking.

You had, I think, an exhibition at Kowloon Dock?—Yes.

So far, I think only one ship's boiler tubes have been cleaned?—Yes, because it takes a long time in making people understand the process.

In respect of that ship's cleaning you quoted a low price?—Yes.

I did that for advertisement purposes.

According to your accounts the amount you have spent on this machinery and air compressor is \$15,193?—Maybe a little more, because I had to pay wages. I think we have spent more than \$20,000 on this, or maybe \$16,000. And what were the returns for that machinery?—They were nil, but of course we have not started yet.

In your statement of affairs you value it at \$16,000?—Yes.

Do you seriously consider that there is the slightest possible chance of selling it at that?—It could be sold if people would only understand it. It is the only invention of its kind in the world.

Do you think there is any likely possibility of selling this machinery for that amount?—Yes, if people would understand it.

Have you had any enquiries about it?—Yes, I have had one enquiry.

You have the agency for all China for this machine and during the time you have had the agency you have not sold another machine like it?—I did not want to sell. I want to use it myself and form a company for using it.

The Dock Company take a different idea of the value?—Yes, I know.

Do you know that they have filed a proof in which they value this machinery at \$145?—I have nothing to say about that.

The only thing to be said is that the creditors can take it for that price?—The creditors can take it if they will.

Which is the most reasonable estimate, \$145 or yours of \$16,000?

His Lordship:—That is the difference between selling it as scrap iron and selling it as usable machinery?—Yes.

Only Man Who Understood.

His Lordship remarked to M. Durand that it seemed to him that M. Durand was the only man who understood the machinery.

M. Durand replied that that was true. Engineers could not understand it. If he could only make the Chinese people understand it they could have a very big company.

Mr. Agassiz:—Well, I hope some day you will be able to do so. M. Durand.

In your assets you put down debts due to estate \$23,000?—Yes.

What is that?—M. Durand explained they were bonds bought by Madame Flint a long time ago, and were used as security doing business. They were of the value of 200,000 francs, and that was owed to them with three years' interest.

Questioned with regard to other businesses, M. Durand said they commenced a business in Manila putting about 12,000 pesos into it, under the name of another company to avoid the heavy duties. That firm had gone into liquidation.

Mr. Agassiz said he had heard from M. Durand's solicitor that what was left from that business would just about be enough to pay debts owing to another firm.

Motor Cars For Canton.

M. Durand went on to speak of being approached by people in Canton for the supply of motor cars and taxi cabs. He advised them to obtain at least \$400,000, to include a workshop and repairs. Some money was put in a French bank, but they could not raise enough. He added that he had done everything for the Taxi Cab Company. Two days before they ordered the cars he did all the work himself but they took all the business off him.

He added he did not think the money was in the bank now, as he had been advised that it had gone.

In January a fire occurred at the Pedder Street premises and the total amount of insurance money paid was \$72,000, of which they received \$27,000.

Of the money paid to Madame Flint by Mrs. Stephens \$39,000 was paid into his own account because he wanted to use it for a scheme of supplying electricity in Kwong Chow Wan. His tender for that scheme was the lowest but it was not accepted because he thought there had been some arrangement beforehand. The expenses incurred were a few thousand dollars.

He agreed that the total personal expenses for himself and Madame Flint from July 1924 to September 1927 were \$17,000.

After speaking of certain other expenses at Shanghai and Canton, he said he had remitted to his wife and family about \$2,000.

He affirmed that all Mrs. Stephens' money had been put into the business.

Mr. Agassiz said that as far as he could make out the total loss was \$216,000.

Mr. Agassiz: Your total losses in business amount to \$216,000 don't they?

M. Durand: We had property worth over \$200,000, but how can we do anything if they are sold for nothing?

Your ideas of your assets were optimistic, were they not?—At the time we got bankrupt our assets were over \$200,000 and our liabilities only \$50,000. They sell us out for about \$15,000. Everything valuable was sold before a creditors' meeting. Was it not much better to appoint a manager instead of selling everything for nothing?

This closed the public examination of Monsieur Durand.

M. Durand (addressing His Lordship): I should like to explain why we went into bankruptcy. I should like to apply for discharge right away.

Sir Henry Gollan: Well, I am afraid you cannot.

M. Durand: I am very sorry.

Madame Flint in the Box.

The public examination of Madame Marie Flint was then proceeded with, Mr. Agassiz questioning her concerning her affairs prior to the time when M. Durand was taken into partnership.

Madame Flint told the Court that she had carried on her own business in Hongkong for nearly 20 years at different addresses, and her average profits were between \$10,000 and \$14,000 per annum.

You had 200,000 francs worth of Bonds which you purchased out of your profits?—Madame Flint:—Yes.

And you handed them to the Societe Commerciale Asie-Afrique?—Yes.

Sir Henry Gollan: Could the Bonds be transferred by delivery?—Yes.

Yet you handed them to this firm?—Yes.

Mr. Agassiz: Why did you take M. Durand into partnership when you were doing successful business alone?—I had known him for 26 years and wanted to extend my business with the object of turning it into a company.

Customers Complain.

Why did you move from the China Building?—Because my customers complained that the lift was always full and very often when an examination of emigrants was going on there would be 150 and 200 coolies outside my door. It was after you moved into Pedder Buildings that you began to get into difficulties?—Yes.

When did you go to live with Mrs. Stephens?—About December, 1925.

You had known Mrs. Stephens for many years?—Yes, ever since she came to the Colony.

When you went to live with her she was not well?—Mrs. Stephens required constant attention. She asked me to give up my business to live with her. I wish I had. I gave her so much attention that I had no time to devote to my business.

Power of Attorney.

Mrs. Stephens helped you financially, I believe?—Yes.

Did you hold a power of attorney from her?—Yes, I held her power of attorney.

And these financial gifts, were the cheques drawn by Mrs. Stephens, or by you under your power of attorney?—Mrs. Stephens wrote them herself and they were all signed by her.

You have heard what M. Durand has said about your business undertakings?—Yes, everything that M. Durand has said is true.

Your daughter is in business in Paris?—Yes, she is a furrier. Is it a big business?—Not a very big business.

How many employees are there?—Two.

You have made her presents?—Yes, I sent her an 18,000 francs War Bond during the War.

When was she married?—About five years ago.

And you sent her a dowry?—Yes, 90,000 francs War Bond.

Have you remitted any further money to her, or to France since then?—Not one cent.

You have an account at the Chartered Bank, and your business account was with the Europe-Asia Bank. Have you any other accounts beside these two?—No.

And you have not remitted money to France?—No, my money has all been lost in the business.

This closed the public examination.

Dr. Wu Lien-teh is on his way to Calcutta to attend three medical conferences by the Blue Funnel str. Aeneas. The conference of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine, of which Dr. Wu is Vice-President, will meet at Calcutta between December 5 and 22, to be followed by the conference of the League of Nations Advisory Council of the Far Eastern Bureau, between December 23 and 30, and the conference of the Indian Health Interchange, from January 1 to February 18. The last-named was organised by the League of Nations for health experts from different parts of the world to study international health conditions. In spite of the disturbed conditions, China will have a strong delegation, headed by Dr. Lien-teh, his colleagues being Dr. Chin Tsu-chi, of the Ministry of the Interior, Peking; Dr. Hu Cheng-hsiang, of the Peking Union Medical College; Dr. Wei Li-kun, Chief Medical Officer of the Chinese Eastern Railway; and a representative from the south.

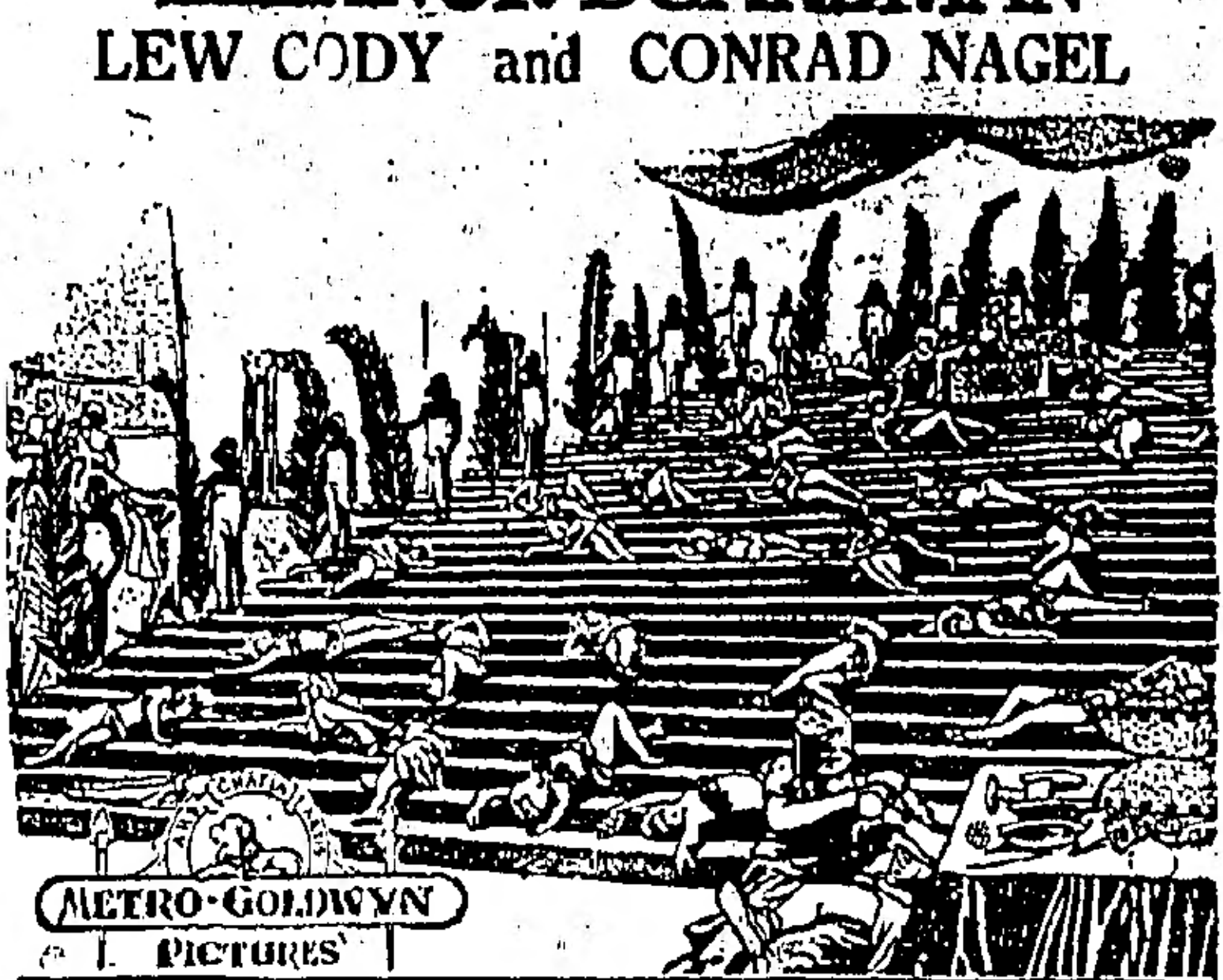
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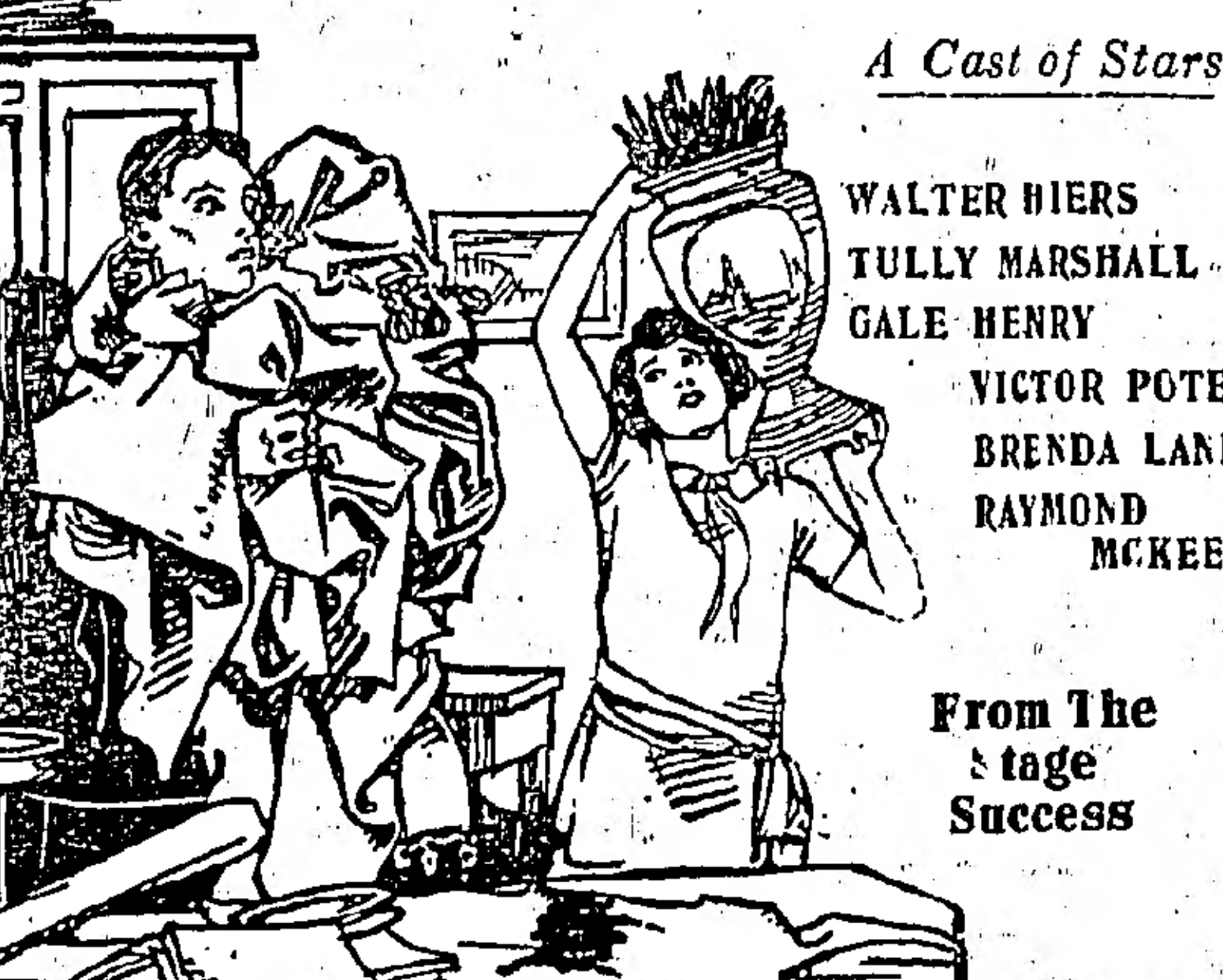
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